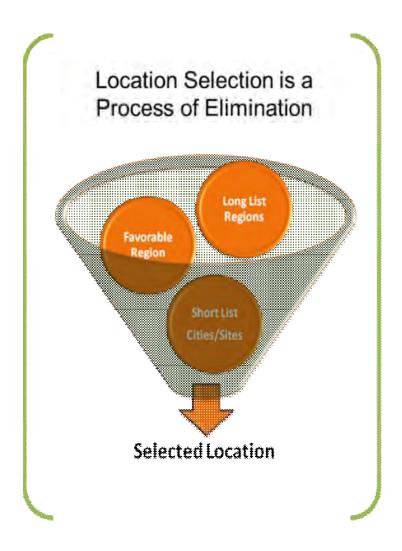
Appendix A Site Selection Analysis Report

Site Selection – Scope and Objectives

- 1) Agribusiness Market Analysis/Inventory Industrial Real Estate Assets
- 2) Location Requirements of Right Fit Agribusiness Operations
- 3) Site Selector Perceptions of Erie County as a Business Location



Site Selector Objectives	Scope of Work
1) Agribusiness Market Analysis / Inventory County Industrial Real Estate Assets: Identify specific agribusiness industrial sub-sectors for which Erie County possesses suitable location, infrastructure and related competitive advantages.	Inventory county industrial real estate assets, developed and undeveloped, and assess the overall suitability of each property for agribusiness growth sectors. The list of growth sectors emerges from a collaboration between the site selector and project team members identifying agribusiness market trends.
2) Location Requirements of Right Fit Agribusiness Operations: Determine general community and property requirements for targeted agribusiness sectors and look for alignment of these requirements with county real estate and community assets.	The site selector will provide a comprehensive list of location requirements associated with selected agribusiness industry sectors and facility types (e.g. raw product processing, manufacturing, distribution). These requirements will be used by the project engineering team to determine the suitability of individual properties for targeted agribusiness sectors.
3) Site Selector Perceptions of Erie County as a Business Location: Survey professional site selection consultants to determine if they are aware of Erie County location attributes and development opportunities aligned with agribusiness.	Conduct phone interviews with site selection consultants active in locating agribusiness projects in order to understand prevailing opinions about Erie County. Explore these opinions to look for common threads that may exist which point to reasons for a lack of interest in choosing Erie as a location for new and expanding industry.

Preferred Sites from Existing Inventory*

#11 Eastport Commerce Center

#13 Evans Industrial Park

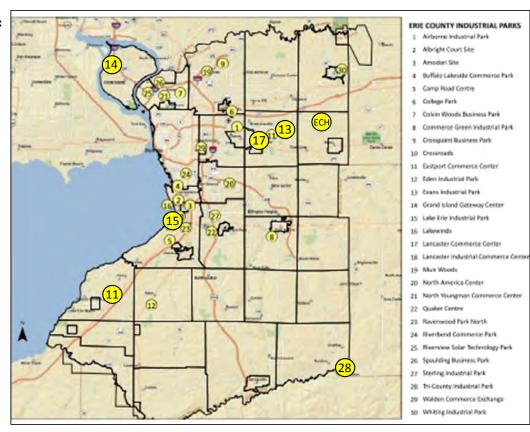
#14 Grand Island Gateway

#15 Lake Erie Industrial Park

#17 Lancaster Commerce Center

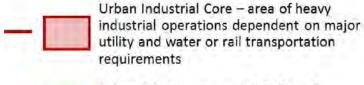
#28 Tri-County Industrial Park

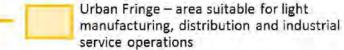
ECH Erie County Home Site

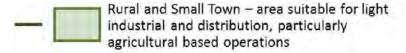


^{*}Erie County Industrial Parks Report, December 2015

1) Alignment of Erie County Land Assets with Agribusiness Market Strategies

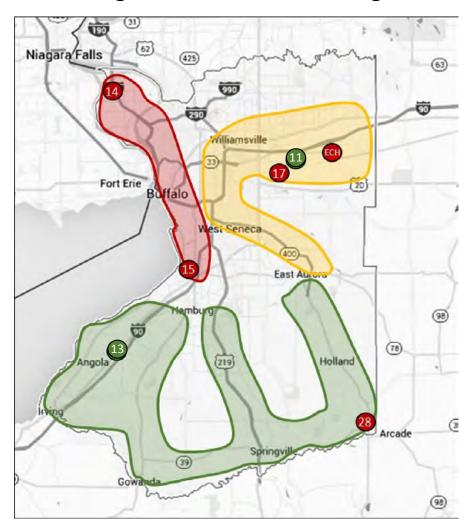






Investigated Sites

- Eastport Commerce Center
- Evans Industrial Park
- Grand Island Gateway
- Lake Erie Industrial Park
- Lancaster Commerce Center
- 28 Tri-County Industrial Park
- Erie County Home Site Alden
- Recommended for further investigation
- Non-recommended property



PROPERTY MAP Industrial Park Available Space

PROPERTY SUMMARY

Walden Avenue at Pavement Road, Town of

Owner:

Uniland Development Company University Corporate Parkway

Amherst, New York 14226 (716) 834-5000 or www.uniland.com

Site Description:

Greenfield site, manufacturing and distribution Utilities:

- * Water-Erie County Water Authority
- * Sewer-Erie County Sewer District
- * Natural Gas National Fuel
- * Electricity-National Grid

SITE STATISTICS

Status & Type: Ready to market and build | Industrial/Warehousing Special Designation: Certified Shovel-Ready through Build NOW NY

Total Acres

Available Acres:

Zoning:

Building Design Standards:

Developer Controlled

Access Road:

Eastport Drive

Current Tenants:

UPDATES

- · Site infrastructure is complete
- * Site is being marketed

ISSUES

· None











Recommended for Further Investigation - Property Advantages and Disadvantages

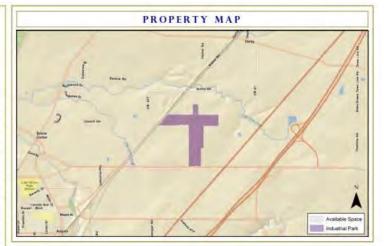
Site #11 - Eastport Commerce Center

Advantages:

- Established industrial park in a clean environment well suited to agribusiness operations
- Utility infrastructure is in place and appears to be well suited for industrial operations
- Site is mostly flat and soils appear suitable for industrial buildings
- Good highway access
- Area already has the makings of an agribusiness manufacturing cluster with other agribusiness related operations located nearby

Disadvantages:

- Existing park roadway and utility infrastructure put limitations on the size and configuration of developable sites
- Eastport Commerce Center's approximate 100 acres of developable land is not adequate to host a large number of operations. However, development of agribusiness operations here would further establish this area as an agribusiness cluster. There are vacant lands nearby that could be developed as the need arises.
- Residential development directly to the north may hinder development of some types of agribusiness operations in the park
- As this is an established industrial park, land costs are likely to be high relative to some alternatives which may deter some companies from locating here



PROPERTY SUMMARY

Eden-Evans Center Road, Town of Evans, NY

Delaware Marketing and Management, Inc. Richard Toschia (716) 947-4769

Site Description:

Former Angola airport, also has rail access to Norfolk Southern Railroad

- * Water-Erie County Water Authority
- * Sewer Erie County Sewers
- * Natural Gas-National Fuel Gas (line not at site)
- * Electricity-National Grid

SITE STATISTICS

Status & Type: In Process | Industrial/Flex

Special Designation:

None

Total Acres: 138 +/-

Available Acres: 138 ±/-

Zoning:

Manufacturing

Building Design Standards: N/A

Access Road:

Eden-Evans Center Road, former runway is access road

Current Tenants:

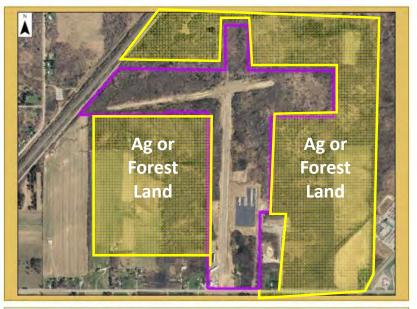
UPDATES

- * Planning studies for conversion to industrial park are complete
- * Located two miles from Interstate 90
- " Adjacent to Norfolk Southern main rail line

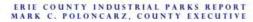
ISSUES

- * Site is former Angola Airport
- * Needs infrastructure to be available for industrial park use
- * Existing runway will be main access road











Recommended for Further Investigation - Property Advantages and Disadvantages

Site #13 - Evans Industrial Park

Advantages:

- Large flat property zoned industrial
- Property is located in a part of Erie County rich in agricultural resources that align with some agribusiness sectors
- Significant vacant lands surrounding the site that could be added to make this a large and recognizable industrial development
- Excellent access to NY State Thruway
- Rail access from Norfolk Southern is possible

Disadvantages

• Water and sewer infrastructure is reportedly limited and will require investment to ensure capacities can meet the needs of targeted agribusiness sectors

Reasons for Non-Recommended Properties

Site #14 - Grand Island	Site access requires transit of toll bridge and congested highways
Gateway	 Wetlands restrict development of large portions of the property
	 Neighboring chemical plant may be viewed as undesirable by agribusiness
	companies
Site #15 - Lake Erie	Site is divided by a roadway limiting the size and configuration of industrial
Industrial Park	operations
	 FedEx acquired the northern half of the site for a new distribution facility
	further limiting the availability of land
Site #17 - Lancaster	Site is long and narrow limiting the size and configuration of industrial facilities
Commerce Center	 Access to highways is made difficult by mainline rail lines that separate the site
	from interstate highway access
Site #28 - Tri-County	• Site is distant from interstate highways limiting the types of operations suitable
Industrial Park	for this location
	 The land owner is reported to have a history of conflicts with government
	officials which places unknown risks for moving forward at this location
Site ECH - Erie County	• The expansive complex of closed and occupied structures will require significant
Home Site, Alden	time and money to remove which is not in keeping with moving forward
	aggressively with the agribusiness attraction strategy
	• A large prison is located directly across the highway. Many corporate executives
	avoid locating in proximity to prison.
	 Wetlands restrict development of large portions of the property

2) Location Requirements for Right-fit Agribusiness Operations:

Erie County Industrial Districts

Agribusiness Facility	Lakefront Industrial Core	Eastern Urban Fringe	Rural South
Dry Goods Food Manufacturing	X	X	X
Fresh Fruit Processing		X	X
Refrigerated Food Products		Х	Х
Salad-in-a-Bag		Х	
Hydroponics Vegetables	Х	Х	Х
Distribution Center	Х	Х	Х





Example of Modern "ponics" Operation Overton County Tennessee hydroponics facility:

Initial facility located in 2006 as joint venture with HydroNov (based in Mirabel, QE) developer of the hydroponics technology

- T&A bought out HydroNov and improved on the technology with industry leading innovations
- \$15 million investment
- Community gave the land to T&A (\$2 million value) and the State of TN graded the site (\$1.5 million)
- 100 acre site, 50 acres currently under roof with room for 80 acres
- 100 employees
- 26 growing rooms, 72,000 plants per room
- 40 to 65 days seed to harvest (depends on sunlight: time of year)
- Facility serves 7 state market
- 6 day per week operation
- Ship on average 3 to 4 truckloads per day
- Value proposition: 2 to 3 days from harvest to grocery store shelf (versus 6 to 8 days from west coast and Mexico). Fresher product supports higher price
- Low water/waste water use (growing water is reused)
- High natural gas use to heat growing area
- Minimal use of chemicals (pesticides and fertilizers)





















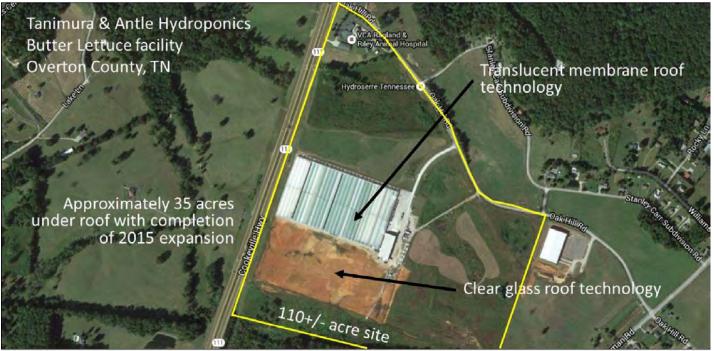












Overview of Site Selection Process

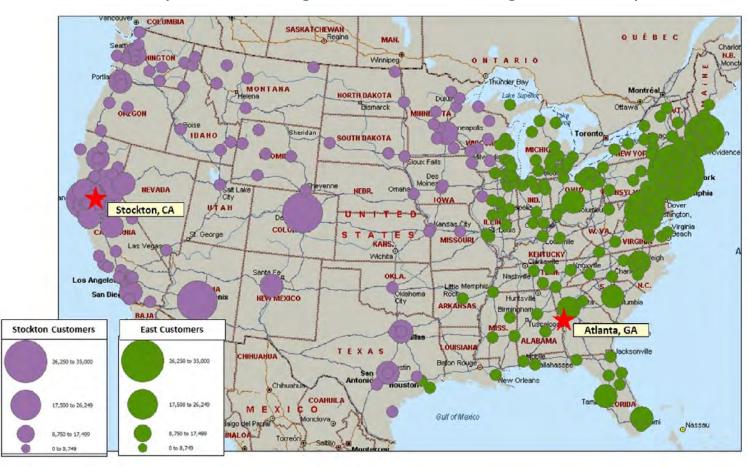
Comparison of Location Alternatives through an Application of Project Requirements

Select Cities for Testing a West Coast Operation in Conjunction with a New Processing Facility



Establish Optimal Allocation of Resources Customer Allocations for Stockton (existing) and Atlanta (new) Facilities

Each trial city is tested in alignment with the existing west coast operation.



Selecting the "Best" Pairing of Existing and New Locations

Estimated Total Annual Variable Operating Costs
Benchmark (Stockton only) versus Two Facilities (Stockton plus New Plant)

How Erie County will emerge from a national location search.

200	Benchmark	or and September 1	Plants (USE)	-	-	SHIP.									
2015	Stackton	Atlanta	Colorado Springs	Columbus	Greenville	Harrisburg	Little Hock	Louisville	Nashville	Raleigh	Roanoke	Rockford	Springfield II.	Springfield MA	Springfield MO
Inbound Trans	\$6,115,456	\$5,956,597	\$6,994,808	\$5,478,364	\$7,001,958	\$6,524,180	\$5,739,030	\$6,861,298	\$6,198,447	\$7,282,900	\$6,443,401	\$5,185,668	\$5,530,311	\$6,749,864	\$5,806,464
Outbound Trans	\$40,240,929	\$18,600,881	\$27,362,403	\$17,666,527	\$17,800,794	\$15,218,044	\$22,409,534	\$18,557,531	\$19,116,643	\$17,118,780	\$16,516,793	\$20,955,738	\$20,804,733	\$15,791,789	\$22,752,556
Labor	\$16,475,014	\$15,403,146	\$15,434,101	\$16,088,005	\$15,562,410	\$15,607,057	\$15,039,805	515,439,016	\$15,620,014	\$15,806,005	\$15,192,670	\$15,962,154	\$15,076,376	516,276,174	514,306,038
Utilities	\$3,747,975	\$3,803,313	\$3,070,593	\$3,337,743	\$3,026,793	\$3,773,133	\$2,971,953	\$2,999,853	\$3,245,553	\$3,245,445	\$3,253,593	\$3,460,953	\$3,403,833	\$3,198,333	\$3,857,553
Property Taxes	\$3,190,000			\$2,251,200	\$7,800,500	\$2,632,300	\$4,260,000	\$4,092,100	\$4,993,500	\$4,429,200	\$6,692,200	\$2,579,700	\$2,597,700	\$10,182,000	\$2,352,000
TOTAL	\$69,769,374	\$48,565,337	\$58,835,005	\$44,821,839	\$51,192,455	\$43,754,714	\$50,420,322	\$47,949,798	\$49,174,157	\$47,882,330	\$48,098,658	\$48,144,212	\$47,412,953	\$52,198,160	\$49,074,611
Penalty Over Base	\$26,014,660	\$4,810,622	\$15,080,291	\$1,067,125	\$7,437,740	Base	\$6,665,608	\$4,195,083	\$5,419,443	\$4,127,615	\$4,343,943	\$4,389,498	\$3,658,238	\$8,443,446	\$5,319,897
Index	159	111	134	102	117	100	115	110	112	109	110	110	108	119	112

Columbus and Harrisburg emerge as ow cost regions for the new facility. Next step is to screen communities in a search area around these locations. The search area could include portions of neighboring states.

3) Site Selector Perceptions of Erie County as a Business Location

Location Consultant	Title	Company and Location	Years of Experience
Michelle Comerford	Industrial and Supply Chain Practice Leader	Biggins Lacy Shapiro & Co. / Cleveland, OH Office	14
Jay A. Garner, CEcD, CCE, FM, HLM	President & Founder	Garner Economics, LLC / Atlanta, GA	25
Don Schjeldahl	Principal	DSG Advisors, Inc. / Kent, OH	33
Frank Spano	Managing Director	Austin Consulting / Cleveland, OH Office	28
Jerry Szatan	Owner	Szatan & Associates / Chicago, ILL	21
Gregg Wassmansdorf	Senior Managing Director	Newmark Grubb Knight Frank, Global Corporate Services / Toronto, ON Office	18

Erie County Agribusiness Challenges and Opportunities Observations from Site Selector Interviews

Challenges:

- The region's "rustbelt" legacy is still a factor in how outsiders view the region.
- Brownfield industrial sites, including abandoned grain silos, reinforce impressions that the region is not suitable for development.
- Few corporate managers and site selectors are aware of Erie County's broad array of development assets.
- There is a general unfamiliarity with Erie County and who represents economic development interests.
- Severe winter weather is perceived as a serious business risk.

Opportunities:

- Abundant utility capacity and transportation infrastructure set the region apart from many parts of the country
- The national trend for agribusiness companies to produce product closer to consumer markets favors Erie County.
- Increased amounts of locally grown produce and diary are creating demand for processing facilities.
- An agribusiness industrial park could be a catalyst for branding Erie County as an "agribusiness friendly" location.

Survey Form – Open Ended Question Format

- 1. Have you worked on a project you could classify as "Agribusiness"?
- 2. Have you looked at NY State for an agribusiness project?
- 3. What is your opinion of New York State as a location for business?
- 4. Are you aware that western New York has been successful in attracting a number of major agribusiness projects in recent years (Dannon, Barilla, Chobani)?
- 5. When I say Erie County New York, what does that mean to you? Do you know where this is?
- 6. Have you been to Erie County?
- 7. Have you looked at Erie County for a project?
- 8. Did you receive a proposal from an ED organization? If yes, was it good?
- 9. Economic Development Effectiveness: What ED organizations do you associate with NY, Erie County?
 - Erie County IDA
 - Buffalo Niagara Enterprise
 - National Grid

- Empire State Development
- Other?
- 10. Can you differentiate Erie County assets from one part of the county to another?
- 11. When it comes to these factors important to agribusiness companies how does Erie County rate?
 - Access Raw Materials/Markets
 - Transportation Infrastructure
 - Real Estate Portfolio
 - Utilities/Infrastructure
 - Workforce/Training

- Business Environment
- Business Costs
- Organizational Effectiveness
- Risk
- Quality of Place

12. Closing comments?

Summary of Findings from Interviews

Survey Question	Summary of Site Selector Responses
1. Worked an Agribusiness project?	AII – YES
2. Looked at NY for agribusiness?	5 – YES / 1 – NO (all have worked projects in NY)
3. Opinion of NY as business location?	2 – POSITIVE / 2 – NOT GOOD, NOT BAD / 2 – POOR
4. Aware of western NY agribusiness success?	All – YES (ranges from hearsay to extensive knowledge)
5. Do you know Erie County, NY?	2 - NO / 3 - Buffalo? / 2 - YES
6. Have you been to Erie County?	AII - YES
7. Have you looked at Erie County for a project?	5 – NO / 1 – YES (financial services project)
8. Have you received a proposal from Erie?	5 – NO / 1 – YES (financial services project)
9. ED organizations associated with Erie County?	
Empire State Development	All – YES (opinions reflected in #3)
Erie County IDA	All – Don't know this organization
Buffalo Niagara Enterprise	All – YES (everyone knows Tom K.)
National Grid	4 – YES / 2 – NO (mixed views on effectiveness)
• Other?	All - NONE
10. Can you differentiate Erie County assets?	All – NO awareness other than urban Buffalo

What Agribusiness is Looking for in a Community	Erie County Strengths / Weaknesses / Gaps	Recommended Action	Priority Hi- Med-Lo
Access - Raw Materials/Markets	Raw material/market access are a strength. A large portion of North American consumer and industrial markets are within a 500 mile one-day truck drive. Supply chains for numerous industries are well developed within that same 500-mile radius.	Stay up-to-date on market and supply chain trends within a multi-state and eastern Canada region.	LOW

What Agribusiness is Looking for in a Community	Erie County Strengths / Weaknesses / Gaps	Recommended Action	Priority Hi- Med-Lo
Transportation Infrastructure	This is a strength. Highway, rail, water, and airport resources are well developed and support the efficient flow of goods and people.	Continue to build and maintain transportation infrastructure.	LOW

What Agribusiness is Looking for in a Community	Erie County Strengths / Weaknesses / Gaps	Recommended Action	Priority Hi- Med-Lo
Real Estate Portfolio	Erie County appears to lack a sufficient supply of ready sites and building to support industry. This is particularly so for sites and buildings in clean environments suitable for agribusiness operations.	Even the best community won't win projects if they lack land and building assets ready to serve the needs of industry. Get on top of real estate assets and make sure a lack of suitable properties is not holding back investment.	HIGH

What Agribusiness is Looking for in a Community	Erie County Strengths / Weaknesses / Gaps	Recommended Action	Priority Hi- Med-Lo
Utilities / Infrastructure	The urbanized areas of Erie County appear to be well served by water, waste water, and electric utilities. Natural gas availability is not as clear. Utility services in non-urbanized areas is not clear.	Understanding system capacities, reliability, distribution networks, and costs are essential ingredients in corporate location decisions. Make sure a clear and concise explanation of Erie County utility offerings is part of the economic development message.	MEDIUM

What Agribusiness is Looking for in a Community	Erie County Strengths / Weaknesses / Gaps	Recommended Action	Priority Hi- Med-Lo
Workforce / Training	Erie County's reputation on workforce is tied to Buffalo's rustbelt legacy. The good aspects of this include a belief that the region is home to highly trained machinists and workers skilled in other industrial trades. The negative side of this is that these workers are getting old and skilled workers are not entering the workforce to replace them.	Over the last decade labor availability has risen to be the most important location factor for new facilities. Assess regional workforce characteristics and training resources and address gaps that exist.	HIGH

What Agribusiness is Looking for in a Community	Erie County Strengths / Weaknesses / Gaps	Recommended Action	Priority Hi- Med-Lo
Business Environment	The region's rustbelt legacy is still a factor in how outsiders view Erie County. Site selectors tie what they know about Buffalo to the County as a whole. Brownfield industrial sites, including abandoned grain silos along the lake, reinforce impressions that the region is an area in decline.	The reality is quite different as many companies have transitioned to a new globally competitive economy. Getting this message out will chip away at rust belt legacy. Can we take down the grain silos and continue redevelopment of the lakefront?	MEDIUM

What Agribusiness is Looking for in a Community	Erie County Strengths / Weaknesses / Gaps	Recommended Action	Priority Hi- Med-Lo
Business Costs	Erie County, like other counties around the U.S. that are home to old industrial cities, has a reputation as a high cost location. The reality is likely quite different.	Document operating costs for different types of operations located in urban and rural areas of the county. Make this a part of the County's economic development value proposition.	MEDIUM

What Agribusiness is Looking for in a Community	Erie County Strengths / Weaknesses / Gaps	Recommended Action	Priority Hi- Med-Lo
Organizational Effectiveness	Buffalo Niagara Enterprise has done a good job of positioning itself as the economic development agent for the region. Beyond its role as a conduit for information, BNE has been unsuccessful in conveying Erie County's value proposition. Few corporate managers and site selectors are aware of Erie County's broad array of development assets, particularly rural development opportunities.	Develop an Erie County brand that speaks to business retention and attraction around well-defined industry targets. Agribusiness as a target can clearly be supported in Erie County. Establish a marketing plan for getting the word out.	HIGH

What Agribusiness is Looking for in a Community	Erie County Strengths / Weaknesses / Gaps	Recommended Action	Priority Hi- Med-Lo
Risk	Erie County suffers from a number of perceived risk factors that play a role in corporate location decisions. Some risks are associated with the County as a whole like severe winter weather and operating in New York State (e.g. high taxes, bureaucratic government, over regulation). Other perceived risks stem from Buffalo's "rust belt" industrial history (e.g. militant unions, high labor costs, environmental	Inventory Erie County risk factors, real and perceived, and develop mitigation strategies for each. For perceptions that are blatantly false, explain realities with well documented and unbiased facts. For perceptions that reflect a truth, shine light on the issue including how the community is dealing with the challenge. Winter weather, for example, can be addressed by showcasing the County's large fleet of snowplows and the	HIGH

Agribusiness Branding

Examples of Economic Development
Organizations that Effectively Brand
their Region Around Agribusiness and
Food Processing





Site Selectors

Industry

Talent

The Chamber

Media

About Us

Contact Us

Industry

Design-based Manufacturing

Health Sciences

Medical Devices

Agriculture/Food Processing

Business Services

Logistics

Agriculture/Food Processing

Food processing in Southwest Michigan dates back to when the area was first settled by European inhabitants in the early 1800s. The area's rich fertile soil earned it the nickname "The Celery City" when Dutchman Cornelius De Bruin began growing celery in the black muck along the banks of the Kalamazoo River and his family began peddling the vegetable door to door.

With the invention of the corn flake in Battle Creek by W.K. Kellogg in 1906, the region's ability to take a product from raw material and process it into another terrific edible form was established. Today,







u

http://buffaloniagara.org/IndustryClusters/Agribusiness



BNE does a good job of marketing regional agribusiness assets, but that does not include Erie County.



Appendix B Marketing Analysis Report

Erie County Agri-business Park Market Analysis

March, 2016

Table of Contents

Introduction	1
1. Analysis of Existing Conditions	2
Labor Force Analysis	2
Cluster AnalysisCluster AnalysisConcentration of "Producer Services" in Erie County	
Summary of Stakeholder Interviews	6 7
2. Market Trends Consumer Trends Fresh Convenience Natural Ingredients Industry Trends Consolidation Location factors for Food Processors Eastern Broccoli Project The Aging of Existing Dairy Processing Facilities Controlled Environment Agriculture Examples of High Tech CEA Greenhouses Rising Costs in Canada	8 9 10 10 11 13 14
3. Recommendations	18 18 20
Final Note: The Need for Administrative Capacity	
Appendix 1: Bibliography	23
Appendix 2: List of Stakeholder Contacts & Interviews	27
Appendix 3: Sample of Food Processors in Southwestern Ontario	31
Appendix 4: Examples of Food Processing Trade Shows	33



Introduction

March 2016

This industry targeting study for the Erie County Agribusiness Park Development is intended to identify the potential industries that could succeed in the agribusiness park as well as the steps necessary to attract and maintain these industries. This study consists of three stages:

- 1. Analysis of Existing Conditions in Erie County's economy based on its population, labor force, stakeholder interviews and existing businesses and industries.
- 2. Description of Market Trends and Potential Industry Targets that are the core opportunities for Erie County based on food processing industry trends, market analysis, expert recommendations, and specific opportunities on the horizon in Erie County.
- 3. Recommendations, identifying the optimum strategy and next steps Erie County should take for the development of the agribusiness park.

An Industry Ecosystem as a Marketing Tool. The overall findings of the study indicate that Erie County is certainly a competitive location for an agri-business park for several types of food processing industries. The key to success for the park is to embed it in a strong food processing "ecosystem." For example, as is discussed in this report, there are opportunities in dairy processing. The region's ample supply of fluid milk is important in that regard. But the opportunities in dairy processing can't be fully realized unless the all of the requisite assets are combined into a system that can support a dairy processor. This includes the transportation network, land/facilities available at competitive prices, a food manufacturing workforce (and training capacity), a cadre of producers services (i.e., companies that can provide services to keep the machinery and related processes up and running) and governments familiar with the regulatory/approvals process for such enterprises. Many of these components are in place in Erie County. The essential task in creating and marketing a successful agribusiness park will be to build strong relationships among these components so that Erie County can boast an unparalleled system that supports food processors. The park then becomes one component of the County's sustained competitive advantage for food processors.



1. Analysis of Existing Conditions

The Buffalo Niagara region has a long history of successful agriculture and agribusiness enterprises. As of 2013, there are 596 food-processing facilities in the Buffalo Niagara Region. The region is the number one producer of milk in NYS, which is the 3rd highest milk producing state in the country. The Buffalo Niagara region Current food processors in the region include Lactalis, Coca Cola, Goya Food, and Upstate Niagara Cooperative. Buffalo Niagara has a well-developed rail system and access to 69 million people

within a 300-mile radius. 1

Labor Force Analysis

Table 1: Population **Buffalo-Niagara Erie County** Population % of total Population % of total Total 1,536,500 923,681 447,260 Female 784,790 51.08 51.58% 751,710 Male 48.92 476,421 48.42% Source: Buffalo Niagara Enterprise, Applied Geographic Solutions, 2015

Tables 1 through 3 show population

demographics for the Buffalo Niagara Region as well as Erie County. The majority of Buffalo Niagara's population resides in Erie County. Both Buffalo-Niagara and Erie County's population is aging, with around 23 percent of the population over 60. Erie County is well educated, as 31.8% of the po

Table 2: Age Distribution								
	Buffalo	o Niagara		Erie County				
	Total	Percent	Total	% of total				
0-19	360,136	23.44	215,789	23.26				
20-39	390,191	25.39	242,877	26.29				
40-59	417,911	27.2	248,271	26.88				
60+	368,262	23.9	216,744	23.47				
Source: Buffalo Niagara Enterprise, Applied Geographic								
Solutions, 2015								

pulation has a Bachelor's degree or higher. This is above Buffalo Niagara at 27.36 percent and the

national average of 28.8 percent.

Tables 4 and 5 show employment information for the County. Only 0.66% of the population in Erie is employed in agriculture, forestry, or fishing and 0.92% in the Buffalo Niagara region. However, approximately 8% are

Table 3: Educational Attainment							
	Buffalo Niagara	Erie County					
	% of total	% of total					
Less than High School	9.9	9.43					
High School	31.73	28.15					
Some College	18.97	18.83					
Associate Degree	12.03	11.79					
Bachelors Degree	15.22	17.47					
Grad Degree	12.14	14.33					
Source: Buffalo Niagara Solutions, 2015	Enterprise, Applied	d Geographic					

March 2016



¹ Buffalo Niagara Enterprise, "Agribusiness Industry Report, March, 2014.

Table 5: Employees by Occupation

Executives, Managers, and Administrators

Employees by Occupation

employed in manufacturing, and 4.5% in transportation communications in both Erie and Buffalo Niagara.

The employees of these two sectors could serve as assets to the agribusiness park. By occupation, approximately 7 percent production workers and 3.5 percent are transportation workers in Erie

and Buffalo Niagara.

Table 4: Employment by Sector						
	Buffalo	Erie County				
Total Employees	775,577	532,638				
	%	%				
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing	0.92	.66				
Mining	0.08	.05				
Construction	3.11	3.13				
Manufacturing	8.77	8.17				
Transportation and Communications	4.54	4.38				
Wholesale Trade	5.39	5.29				
Retail Trade	19.51	19.91				
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	6.36	7.81				
Services	44.18	44.56				
Public Administration	6.59	5.4				
Unclassified	0.54	0.63				
Source: Buffalo Niagara Enterprise, Applied Geographic Solutions, 2015						

Buffalo Niagara

%

7.22

Total

58,683

Erie County

%

7.14

Total

38,046

Business and Financial Operations	28,222	3.47	20,013
Computer and Mathematical Occupations	10,571	1.30	7,334
Architecture and Engineering	10,988	1.35	7,130
Life/Physical/Social Science Occupations	4,110	0.51	2,629
Community and Social Services	18,759	2.31	11,950
Legal	6,858	0.84	5,019
Education/Training/Library	61,664	7.59	38,294
Health Diagnosing and Treating			
Practitioners	39,796	4.90	27,262
Health Technologists/Technicians	15,968	1.97	10,836
Healthcare Support	25,632	3.15	17,613
Protective Services	19,913	2.45	11,510
Food Preparation/Serving	10 366	6.08	21 275

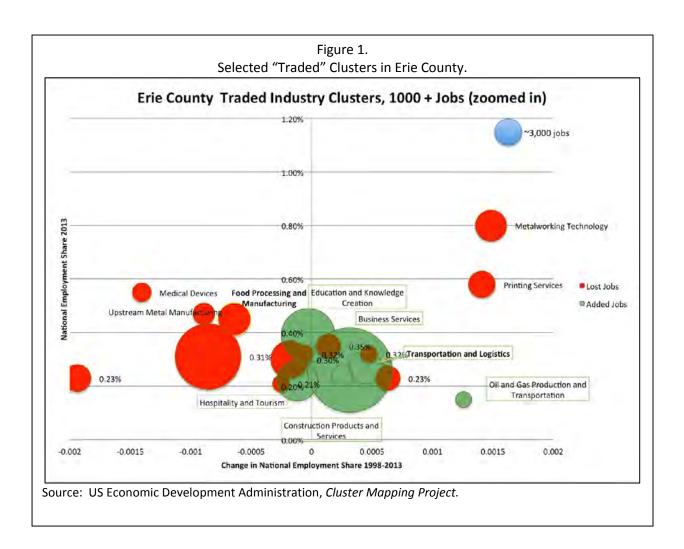
Cluster Analysis

To identify clusters, or regional concentrations of related industries, the US Clusters Project, a webbased application developed by the Harvard Business School for the US Economic Development Administration was used as a resource. The results of this analysis are displayed below in Figure

1.

Business and Financial Operations	28,222	3.47	20,013	3.76
Computer and Mathematical Occupations	10,571	1.30	7,334	1.38
Architecture and Engineering	10,988	1.35	7,130	1.34
Life/Physical/Social Science Occupations	4,110	0.51	2,629	0.49
Community and Social Services	18,759	2.31	11,950	2.24
Legal	6,858	0.84	5,019	0.94
Education/Training/Library	61,664	7.59	38,294	7.19
Health Diagnosing and Treating				
Practitioners	39,796	4.90	27,262	5.12
Health Technologists/Technicians	15,968	1.97	10,836	2.03
Healthcare Support	25,632	3.15	17,613	3.31
Protective Services	19,913	2.45	11,510	2.16
Food Preparation/Serving	49,366	6.08	31,375	5.89
Building and Grounds Maintenance	28,970	3.57	19,310	3.63
Personal Care and Service	32,390	3.99	20,485	3.85
Sales	94,581	11.64	63,836	11.98
Office and Administrative Support	123,702	15.23	82,554	15.50
Farming/Fishing/Forestry	2,156	0.27	894	0.17
Construction and Extraction	31,122	3.83	20,407	3.83
Installation/Maintenance and Repair				
Workers	26,308	3.24	16,749	3.14
Production Workers	61,363	7.55	38,752	7.28
Transportation Workers	28,925	3.56	19,098	3.59
Material Moving	19,337	2.38	12,583	2.36
Source: Buffalo Niagara Enterprise, Applied G	eographic S	Solutions	, 2015	

The US Clusters Project has been constituted as a set of tools for examining long-term structural conditions in a local economy to better understand the groupings of businesses that are particular catalysts for economic activity in that area.



The horizontal axis of the graph in Figure 1 shows the County cluster's change in the share of national employment in that cluster from 1998 to 2013. The vertical axis shows the county cluster's current share in national employment in that cluster as of 2013. The "bubbles" for each cluster illustrate its relative size in terms of employment. The colors of the bubbles indicate whether the cluster has gained employment (indicated by a green color) or lost employment (signified by a red color) over the fifteen years between 1998 and 2013.

Food processing and manufacturing, though providing over 1,000 jobs, lost jobs in Erie County, and had a negative change in national employment share from 1998-2013. This was a trend throughout Western, NY. Erie County's largest, growing industries are business services, education and knowledge creation, and hospitality and tourism, which is common in New York State. Behind these three large and growing industries are production technology and heavy machinery, transportation and logistics. These industries are potential support industries for food processing. Note also, that Erie County's strength in business services may provide advantages to the County as a location for an agri-business park.

Concentration of "Producer Services" in Erie County

One aspect of the regional economy which favors Erie County as a location for an agri-business park is the concentration of particular "producer services" in the County. Producer services are business

services that provide services and support to manufacturers. As was stakeholder pointed out in the interviews, one of the attractions Erie County has for food processors considering expanding or relocating into the County is that Erie has the highest concentration of such services of all of the counties in the Buffalo/Niagara region.

For example, Table 6 displays the number of business establishments in

Table 6. Size of Commercial & Industrial Machinery & Equipment (except Automotive & Electronic) Repair & Maintenance (NAICS 8118) by County, 2013.

County	Paid employees for pay period including March 12 (number)	Number of estab- lishments	% of Total for Region
Allegany	0	0	0.0%
Cattaraugus	under 20	1	1.1%
Chautauqua	51	10	11.2%
Erie	356	58	65.2%
Genesee	87	12	13.5%
Niagara	20 to 100	1	1.1%
Orleans	under 20	3	3.4%
Wyoming	under 20	4	4.5%
Source: US Census Bure	au, County Busines	s Patterns.	

each county that were classified as "commercial & industrial machinery & equipment (except automotive and electronic) repair & maintenance" operations in 2013. Erie County has 58 such establishments, accounting for almost two/thirds of all such businesses in the larger region. Of the seven other counties in the region, only Chautauqua and Genesee have more than 10 such businesses (10 and 12 respectively). Erie has a total of 356 employees in the County that work for such establishments. Genesee has the second highest number of total employees in such businesses at only 87 workers.

Summary of Stakeholder Interviews

Stakeholder input is an essential component of the research process. Interviews were conducted with food processors, site selectors, agricultural experts, and economic developers in Erie County. Over fifty individuals and organizations were contacted by email and phone. Fourteen interviews were completed. A list of those contacted and interviewed is included in the appendices to this report.

The interviews served to identify the strengths and weaknesses of Erie County as well the types of enterprises that show potential for growth in Erie County. Stakeholders saw potential for food processing and/or distribution in Erie County due to its history as a food distribution hub, regional agricultural production, relationship to Canada, and consumers' growing preference for local food. Stakeholders identified several challenges to face before Erie County can expand its food processing capacity. These include infrastructure such as transportation, power access, and the need for coordination between all levels of production from farmer to retail.

Potential types of food processing

Stakeholders identified a number of potential target industries for the Erie County Agri-Business Park. These include large-scale greenhouses, milk processing, meat processing, grape processing, broccoli cooling facilities, malt and barley processing for breweries, grain distribution, sweetener production, as well as corrugate, resin and plastics for food packaging. Stakeholders expressed that bringing an "anchor" industry into the agribusiness park would then attract other industries. The idea of creating a "hub" or a food distribution center was also a common suggestion.

Milk processing could be this anchor industry for Erie County. According to the National Agricultural Statistics Services, milk is Erie County's number one commodity by total sales. ² According to stakeholders, milk processing has potential for growth in Erie County. Upstate Niagara indicated that its business is growing and it needs to expand its facilities to meet this growth. Expansion is possible in yogurt, cottage cheese, sour cream, and dairy based dips. Upstate also expressed the need for facilities to produce packaging for its dairy products.



² National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2012

Food hubs, or regional distribution centers aggregate and manage the distribution of local food products. Erie County has a food hub; Eden Valley is a "vegetable growing farm cooperative." They store, market, and distribute produce from ten different farms to locations throughout the Eastern United States. Eden Valley expressed a desire to expand and/or begin processing their produce. Historically, Erie County was a grain hub that acted as a gateway to the Midwest, and is still a prime location for food distribution.

Opportunities

Erie County has assets that make it a desirable place to locate an agribusiness park. Multiple stakeholders identified affordable electric prices as a major asset. Electric prices in Canada are currently higher than in Erie County, which could potentially attract food processors from Canada to Erie County. Erie County also has access to ample fresh water resources. One stakeholder suggested marketing it as the "fresh water capital." As is discussed below, Cornell researchers have identified multiple areas in western New York that could successfully grow broccoli, starting an East Coast broccoli industry. These growers would need cooling facilities. However, currently, there is not a sufficient volume of broccoli under cultivation at the present time to support a cooling facility. Craft breweries are growing in popularity and a malt and barley processing and distribution center was suggested as a potential food-processing niche. However, New York State does not currently grow quality malt and barley.

Challenges

Stakeholders identified several challenges to growth in agribusiness in Erie County. Several stakeholders expressed concern about the access to labor. Another concern was the perception that development in New York State is slows and cumbersome. Stakeholders saw New York's environmental/regulatory environment and slow administrative response as impediments to development. Energy and development experts stated that any large agribusiness facility would need reliable power and redundancy in the grid. These types of facilities require access to large amounts of fresh water as well as wastewater treatment. Experts emphasized that agribusiness/industrial parks take time and a significant amount of planning to be successful. For example, some of the types of industries that show potential would require coordination with growers, such as broccoli, malt, and barley.



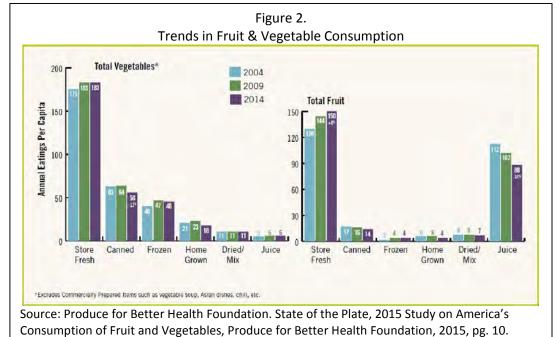
2. Market Trends

The food-processing sector has shown continued growth during the economic recovery. The market features modest growth and is becoming increasingly fragmented. In North America's mature economy, the food industry market is saturated. As incomes rise, a smaller and smaller portion of income is spent on food. Due to high competition in the market, more money is spent on value added enterprises rather than on the food itself. 80% of each dollar spent on food goes toward marketing, transportation, processing, and distribution. To compete, businesses are looking for innovations to reduce labor costs, increase

production, innovate, and differentiate from competitors.³

Consumer Trends

As shown in Figure 2, fruit and vegetable consumption, including fruit



juice, has declined 7% since 2010. However, "as is" fruit consumption has increased among children and adults 18-44. Looking forward, overall fruit and vegetable consumption is expected to increase by 4%, consistent with population growth over the next 5 years. Per capita, fresh fruit consumption is expected to increase by 5% and fresh vegetable consumption by 4% over the next 5 years.⁴

⁴ Produce for Better Health Foundation. State of the Plate, 2015 Study on America's Consumption of Fruit and Vegetables, Produce for Better Health Foundation, 2015. Web. http://www.PBHFoundation.org.



³ Ridgetown College, University of Guelph Economics Research Group, "Food industry Growth Trends in Ontario's Southwest Region," September 2003

Fresh Convenience

Convenience is an increasingly important factor in US food consumption trends. The decline in vegetable consumption in recent years is largely due to the decrease in vegetable side dishes served at home dinners.⁴ Sales of "semi-prepared" fruits and vegetables have increased, despite costing sometimes double the cost of the unprepared produce. Salad kits or "salad in a bag" grew 26% from 2012-2013.⁵ Super markets have increased their offerings of snack vegetables and pre-cut fruit by 20%.⁵

A desire for convenience means that more consumers are eating out at restaurants or fast food establishments. Nearly 2/3 of people frequent a fast food restaurant such as McDonalds, or Subway, or a coffee shop like Starbucks or Panera within a 2-week period. ⁴

The biggest factor that could improve fruit and vegetable consumption away-from-home is assuring that more fruit and vegetables are sold in fast food restaurants.⁶

Food processors may find new markets for pre-cut and "snack pack" fruit and vegetable products by partnering with fast food and coffee shop establishments.

Natural Ingredients

Despite a decline in fruit and vegetable consumption over the past 5 years, consumers are seeking products with more natural ingredients. Increased awareness and health concerns are making customers shy away from artificial dyes, preservatives, and sweeteners. This has affected the cereal industry, snack, beverage, and frozen food industry. Kellogg's, General Mills, and Nestle have all moved toward more natural flavors and coloring. This could present an opportunity for agribusiness to fill the need for natural ingredients and innovation in processing.

⁷ Oliver, David, "Top 10 food and beverage industry trends and why they matter," FoodDive.com, August 26, 2015, http://www.fooddive.com/news/top-10-food-and-beverage-industry-trends-and-why-they-matter/404484/



⁵ Nielson, "Convenience, It's What's For Dinner Tonight: 2014 Brings a Fresh Take on Making Meals With Ease, Jan 30, 2014

⁶ Produce for Better Health Foundation. State of the Plate, 2015 Study on America's Consumption of Fruit and Vegetables, Produce for Better Health Foundation, 2015. Web. http://www.PBHFoundation.org, p. 49.

Industry Trends

Consolidation

Consolidation is a recent trend especially among dry goods food manufacturing and commodity food processors. In this mature market, food-processing companies are looking to minimize competition and create economies of scale. In 2012, and 2013 there were over 300 mergers and acquisitions. Food processors made up 34% of those deals. ⁸ Recent mergers and acquisitions include the Kraft Heinz merger, which resulted in the closing of seven plants. Large companies looking to benefit from the consumer trend toward healthy foods are buying smaller, niche health food companies. For example, Mondelez's acquisition of Enjoy Life Foods, a company that specializes in snacks free from allergens, and Hershey's acquisition of Krave, a high-end jerky company⁷.

Food processors have fared well through the recession. Growth is driven by the rise of smaller regionalized facilities. That trend is somewhat dampened by the countervailing trend toward leaner, flexible facilities that can consolidate operations that were previously handled in several plants.

Recent consolidations have not been because of economic hardship, but rather to reach new and wider markets and to gain access to resources such as workforce and transportation. This means that areas with access to supply, transportation, skilled workforce and markets, have an opportunity to attract new firms to the area⁹.

Location factors for Food Processors

Regional production is today's trend, and that will continue. Logistics dictate site selection and hauling finished goods halfway across the North American continent doesn't make economic sense.⁹ - Kevin T. Higgins

The food processing industry is changing rapidly due to market fragmentation. Consumer preferences have expanded into new categories such as ethnic, gluten free, frozen, and organic. This change presents opportunities for expansion and new firm attraction. However, in such a competitive market, food processors require a location with specific qualities. Bridor Inc, Safeway Food Group, and Allied Specialty Foods all recently expanded their operations in New Jersey. These three food processors cited

⁹ Kevin T. Higgins, "Food Plants of the Future: Not Bigger, Just Smarter." Food Processing, September 5, 2013



⁸ Goldsberry, Clare, "Market Report: Food Processing Companies Grow at a Steady Pace," Area Development, 2014, http://www.areadevelopment.com/FoodProcessing/Q2-2014/food-processing-industry-consolidation-expansion-28198122.shtml

proximity to producers, access to a trained workforce, and incentive programs as the reasons why they decided to expand or relocate in the Cumberland, NJ area. ¹⁰ Lehigh Valley, PA has proven to be a prime location for many food processors, such as Ocean Spray, Samuel Adams, and Nestle. Lehigh Valley boasts proximity to major metropolitan areas such as Philadelphia and New York City, reliable transportation infrastructure, and superior water quality¹¹.

Food processing facilities must be able to meet the demand for fresh food. Certain produce such as micro greens have a shelf life of only one week. For such perishable produce, swift transportation is of utmost importance. This means facilities should be located close to both markets and suppliers. A highway, railroad, or both should be in close proximity to the facility to expedite shipment to markets. Food processors prefer intermodal transportation to meet these needs, utilizing shipping containers that can easily be transferred from truck to train. ¹²

Eastern Broccoli Project

Researchers have identified broccoli as an important crop that could become a staple of the East Coast regional food economy. Broccoli is a high-value specialty crop. It has a farm gate value of \$896 million. However, 90% of broccoli production occurs in California. Only 4% of broccoli production occurs on the East Coast ¹⁰. This, combined with the growing demand for local food sparked the idea for the Eastern Broccoli Project, a system-wide effort to create an East Coast broccoli industry. Thomas Bjorkman, Project Director of the Eastern Broccoli Project at Cornell was among the stakeholders interviewed for this project. He indicated that researchers at Cornell, the USDA, and multiple universities are working to develop a type of broccoli that can endure the warm and variable eastern summers. In addition, they are identifying potential growing sites, defining a potential grower network, and plotting transportation, cooling, and distribution systems.

Broccoli cooling facilities are an essential part of the broccoli production process. To ensure maximum shelf life, broccoli must be rapidly cooled and then stored at 0 degrees Celsius, however it cannot freeze.

¹² Vaught, John, Senior Vice President, Transwestern, "Keep It Fresh: Re-evaluating the Food Manufacturing Supply Chain," Area Development, 2015

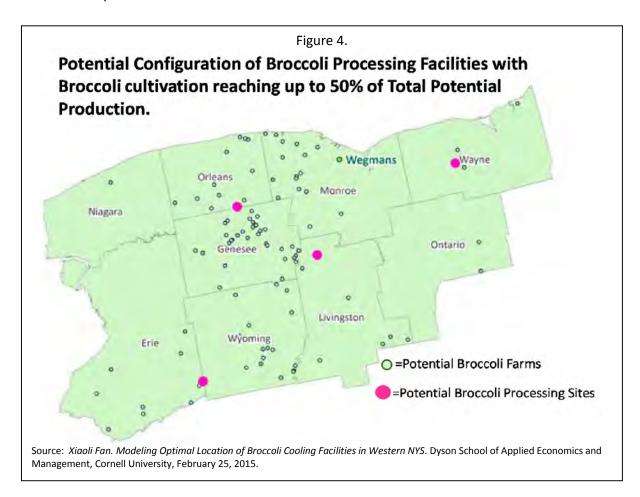


¹⁰ Area Development Research Desk, "Incentives, Trained Workers Help Food Processors to Grow in Cumberland County, New Jersey," Area Development 2015, http://www.areadevelopment.com/stateResources/newJersey/Incentives-Workers-Food-Processors-Cumberland-NJ-0988991.shtml

¹¹ Area Development Research Desk, "Food & Beverage Processing Firms Drawn By the Right Mix of Assets in Lehigh Valley, PA" Area Development, 2015

http://www.areadevelopment.com/stateResources/pennsylvania/Food-Beverage-Processing-Firms-Lehigh-Valley-PA-098877.shtml

Broccoli cooling facilities usually use liquid ice, but some also use hydro-cooling or forced- air-cooling. The Cornell researchers created a model for locating broccoli cooling facilities such that each location would minimize total travel time from the growers' field to the processing facility and from the processing facility to markets in the New York City metropolitan area. Figure 3 shows the results of that research. Multiple sites in Erie County have been identified as potential broccoli growing sites, shown by the green dots. The map also displays those locations that would be logical locations for processing facilities in terms of minimizing overall transportation costs as pink dots. Note that the model shows that Erie County could host a processing site in Sardinia near the border with Wyoming County. While this is an intriguing possibility, the Cornell analysis does not automatically qualify Erie County as a site for such a facility.



Note that, as shown in Figure 5, most of the crop production in Erie is in feeds and fruits with virtually no broccoli cultivation in the County at this time. Thus, realizing the potential for such a facility would require both recruiting a firm interested in launching such an operation as well as working with growers

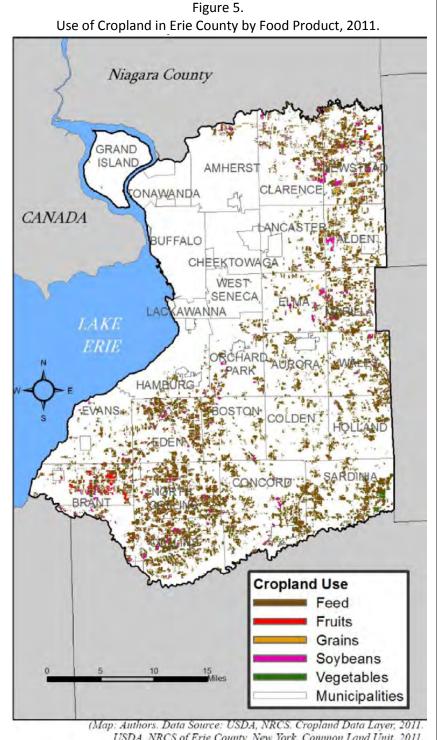


to plant sufficient land in broccoli to support the processing facility. Though broccoli production and

broccoli cooling show potential in Erie County, fully realizing this opportunity would require identifying and securing a potential operator as well as coordination with growers to develop a local supply of broccoli.

The Aging of Existing **Dairy Processing Facilities**

Another opportunity for Erie County stems from the fact that the County and the greater region has long hosted a variety of dairy processors. Many of these operations are in facilities that are at least ten years old or more. Consequently, they either are considering or shortly will be considering modernizing their facilities either at their current location or at a new facility in a new location.



USDA, NRCS of Erie County, New York, Common Land Unit, 2011. Erie County Department of Environment and Planning, Parcel Data, 2011)

Source: Room at the Table: the Food System in Erie County, SUNY Buffalo Department of Urban & Regional Planning, 2011, p 82.

This is a particularly interesting opportunity for the County's proposed agri-business park. Such firms are already in the area and have an existing support structure in terms of dairy supply and producer services. The County itself has several long-established dairy processors in the area, including Rich Products, Upstate Farms Cooperative, Steuben Foods, Abbott's Frozen Custard, Instantwhip Buffalo and Galbani. Those that are in older facilities could potentially improve their competitiveness by expanding in or relocating to a site that provides better access to market and to the dairy supply and support network in and around Erie County.

Controlled Environment Agriculture

The "salad in a bag" trend combined with consumers' preference for locally sourced produce presents an opportunity for Erie County. Bagged salads have a shelf life of approximately 2 weeks starting from the moment the greens are harvested, if properly cooled and sealed. Therefore, regional production of produce is preferable to shipping products from further distances in areas such as Erie County, where there is a limited field-growing season for greens such as those used in bagged salads. However, the use of high-tech greenhouses and controlled environment agriculture (CEA) can extend the growing season to year-round production and reduce the distance to markets.

According to the Cornel CEA Program, "CEA is an advanced and intensive form of agriculture, where plants are grown within controlled environments, in order that horticultural practices can be optimized.¹³" CEA encompasses myriad growing techniques ranging from simple greenhouse growing to high tech automated systems. The CEA industry is a growing sector due to several advantages it has over traditional agriculture, including water efficiency, reduced pesticide and fertilizer usage, and the ability to grow food in a range of locations and climates. However, these types of facilities require significant initial investment as well as a technically trained workforce¹⁴. Potential CEA applications in Erie County include the large scale hydroponic, aguaponic, and aeroponic industries.

Hydroponics is the practice of growing plants without soil. Plants can be suspended in water with their roots submerged or some hydroponics systems suspend roots in an inert medium, such as foam or plastic, in water. Without access to the nutrients found in soil, hydroponic growers must add nutrient

¹⁴ Goddek, Simon et al., "Challenges of Sustainable and Commercial Aquaponics" Sustainability **2015**, 7(4), 4199-4224; doi:10.3390/su7044199 Published: 10 April 2015



¹³ Albright, Louis D., Langhans, Robert W., "Controlled Environment Agriculture Scoping Study," Controlled Environment Agriculture Program, Cornell University, 1996

solutions to the water. Water is recycled within the system, ensuring minimal loss of water or nutrients to the outside environment. Hydroponics systems rely on computerized sensors to maintain optimum nutrient levels, water aeration, and pH. These are very delicate systems that must be monitored closely and require technically trained employees. Hydroponic techniques and system compositions are varied.

Aquaponics is similar to hydroponics in that vegetables are grown in water in the absence of soil. However, aquaponics adds the extra element of raising fish in the water in which the plants are growing. The fish waste provides fertilizer for the plants and the plants filter the water for the fish. This nearly closed loop system eliminates the need to add nutrients to the water. It is incredibly efficient in biomass (plant and fish) produced per square foot. When using a food-grade fish, growers can optimize their earning potential by also selling the fish meat. Aquaponics systems in the Northeast are scarce and small scale. Aquaculture is traditionally practiced in warmer climates because food fish such as tilapia and catfish require water temperatures around 75 degrees. However, in the Northeast, ornamental fish such as koi and goldfish can be used in aquaponics to serve the function of providing nutrients to the plants. These ornamental fish can also be sold for use in ponds rather than as food.

Aeroponics was pioneered by NASA scientists in order to grow food in space. Aeroponics is the process of growing plants in air or mist without soil and without being submerged in water. Aeroponics has some significant growing advantages. The first is ease of transplanting. As the roots are not bound to either soil or another medium, young delicate plants can be easily transplanted without damaging the roots. Secondly, aeroponics allows for easy vertical growing, optimizing use of space¹⁵.

According to the USDA, from 2007-2012 there was a 54% increase in wholesale value of greenhouse produce grown in New York State. The national market demand for local food has grown from \$1 billion to \$7 billion since 2009. However, 95% of the lettuce, tomatoes, and spinach consumed by New Yorkers comes from out of state. US Greenhouse produce sales are currently over \$3 billion and are estimated to reach over \$4 billion by 2020. The total number of industry firms in hydroponics is forecast to increase at an average annual rate of 2.8 %. ¹⁶

¹⁶ Cornell Center for Controlled Environment Agriculture, Infographic "How Indoor Agriculture is a Boon to New York Foodies." Indoor Agriculture Conference, October 15, 2015.



MARCH 2016

¹⁵ National Aeronautics and Space Administration "Progressive Plant Growing Has Business Booming," *Spinoff,* Originating Technology/NASA Contribution 2006

Examples of High Tech CEA Greenhouses

CEA Capital Holdings 100 acre indoor greenhouse site

CEA Capital Holdings is a start-up based in Akron Ohio. They specialize in building high-tech greenhouses that use hydroponics technology. They are a relatively new company with most of their greenhouses based in Ohio. They plan to expand across the country, starting in Clay, NY.

Their plan for a 100-acre greenhouse has been chosen by Governor Cuomo as part of the Upstate Revitalization Initiative and will receive significant funding over the next five years. The facility will be in the White Pine Commerce Park, an over-300-acre industrial park owned by the Onondaga County Industrial Development Agency. CEA plans to grow their Clay facility to 100 acres over 5 years in 20-acre increments¹⁷.

Though CEA Capital Holdings has declined to comment on the project, Cornell professor and hydroponic expert Neil Mattson has stated that, "CEA chose the Clay location because it is flat, undeveloped, inexpensive land with access to natural gas and electrical service and close to major highways."²²

CEA plans to grow leafy greens and tomatoes. Their system will be very advanced, using climate control and robotics technology. Though, the system will be automated, the project has a job creation potential of up to 1,000 jobs when in full operation.²²

http://www.ceacapitalholdings.com/

Rising Costs in Canada

Due to Erie County's proximity to Canada, Canadian food processing trends are of particular interest.

Ontario is a hub for food processing in Canada, with over 3,000 food and beverage processing companies. It is the third largest food and beverage-manufacturing sector in North America. Ontario however is facing some challenges. Costs have risen steeply in utilities, energy, and waste management.

news/index.ssf/2015/12/taxpayers_will_subsidize_indoor_farm_for_syracuse_suburbs_but_what_exactly_is_it.html



¹⁷ Moriarty, Rick"Taxpayers will subsidize indoor farm for Syracuse suburbs, but what exactly is it?," Syracuse.com, Dec 27, 2015, http://www.syracuse.com/business-

Market Analysis, Erie County Agri-business Park

In addition, the Canadian dollar has become weaker, which has decreased exports and made Ontario less competitive worldwide. ¹⁸

The Canadian food processing industry is deeply entwined with the United States. In 2013, the US exported C\$21.3 billion of agricultural products to Canada. 14.8% of all US food and agricultural products are exported to Canada, mainly for food and beverage processing. In 2012, the Canadian food and beverage processing industry exported approximately C\$24 billion, with 67% of that going to the United States¹⁹. The US is also the primary destination for Canadian dairy exports, but that number is declining, presenting an opportunity for Western, NY to replace Canadian imports¹.

The rising cost of manufacturing in Ontario is driving manufacturers to the US. Ontario's electricity prices are higher than surrounding provinces and the United States. This is due to what is called the Global Adjustment. The Global Adjustment is the difference between the market price of power and the price guaranteed to energy producers to encourage the transition to more sustainable energy sources. This adjustment can be a credit or a charge placed on the consumer depending if market prices are high or low. Since market prices are currently low, Ontario manufacturers are paying 4-5 times the wholesale price. ²⁰ The Buffalo Niagara region is becoming increasingly attractive to Ontario manufacturers who could save millions by relocating.

²⁰ McKenna, Barrie, "Ontario drives manufacturers away with overpriced electricity," The Globe and Mail, Published Sunday, Oct. 13, 2013 7:18PM EDT, http://www.theglobeandmail.com/report-on-business/economy/ontario-drives-manufacturers-away-with-overpriced-electricity/article14854752/



MARCH 2016

¹⁸ Alliance of Ontario Food Processors, "Ontario's Food and Beverage Processing Industry Strategy," October 2013

¹⁹ Jenkins, Sonya, "An Updated Overview of the Canadian Food Processing Sector," Global Agricultural Information Network, Date: 12/17/2014 GAIN Report Number: CA14117

3. Recommendations

This section of the report summarizes the market opportunities for an agri-business park for Erie County and recommends an action plan to begin to attract and/or develop those opportunities into actual tenants for the park.

The market analysis indicates that Erie County is certainly a competitive location for an agri-business park. However, the County is not an overwhelming hands-down choice for firms seeking such a facility. Part of the process of cultivating tenants must be to build upon the advantages the county has to secure prospective tenants as effectively as possible. This is addressed in the action plan below.

Opportunities

Our analysis has identified several potential market opportunities for an agri-business park in Erie County. These are described below.

Dairy processing: As indicated in the market analysis, dairy processing is an important opportunity for Erie County's agri-business park. There are established processors in the County and the region who may be considering modernizing their facilities and improving their location. Such enterprises could be an important anchor tenant for the park. Thus, part of the marketing for the park should involve outreach to larger dairy processor in the area to explore their interest in expanding or relocating as part of a facility upgrade. In addition, the plentiful milk supply in the region may be an attraction to other dairy processors developing new products or niches. Attraction efforts for such firms should be part of the marketing of an agri-business park.

Organic Vegetables/Specialty Produce: The market analysis has indicated that there is a rapidly growing demand for organic vegetables and specialty fresh produce (e.g., "salad in a bag"). This is an important emerging opportunity for the County. The County is well positioned with the soils base, support industries and transportation infrastructure to serve Northeastern markets with these products. Taking advantage of this opportunity would be somewhat complex in that it would require identifying the growers to supply the enterprise as well as working with the prospective tenant to develop the facility itself. The presence of the Eden Valley Cooperative in the County could be a major boost to this



effort. While not heavily involved in processing at this point, Eden Valley has indicated that, over the coming years, it is an option they will be considering to add more value to their operations. In order to take advantage of any processing opportunities coming from Eden Valley, Erie County should maintain close contact with them and keep abreast of their evolving plans for processing.

Controlled Environment Agriculture: As the demand for fresh, organic produce grows, the possibilities for attracting or developing controlled environment agriculture to the County should increase. As with organic/specialty produce, the County has the infrastructure (including water supply) to support such enterprises seeking to serve markets in the Northeast. Indeed, our research has shown increasing activity in this market segment in the region. Controlled Environment Agriculture will be an increasingly important segment for Western New York and there is no reason an Erie County agri-business park should not be able a competitive location for such an enterprise.

"Transshipment" Processing: Western New York has the transportation infrastructure to enable it to bring in raw food products from outside the area, process them and then ship them on to markets in both the Northeast and Midwest. That is one of the factors that originally contributed to the success of the Port of Buffalo. Multi-modal transportation (e.g., water, rail and road) and access to major markets remain very attractive to such food processing firms. As indicated in the market analysis, such firms are likely to be smaller, niche operations rather than the types of large operations that Erie County has attracted in the past (e.g., ADM and General Mills). But they could be an important part of the tenant base for the agri-business park.

Canadian Food Processors: As indicated in the market analysis, Erie County can provide Canadian food processors with significant cost advantages in terms of power. For each of the market opportunities identified above, Erie County should consider pursuing Canadian firms that may be looking for lower cost locations to serve Northeastern markets. In Appendix 3, we have included a list of food processing firms in Southeastern Ontario as an illustration of the types of opportunities found there. Note also that several of these firms have existing operations in Western New York. Controlled Environment Agriculture may be a special opportunity in this regard, given the important of electric power to this segment and its current concentration in Canada.



Action Plan

Given the market opportunities identified in this study, the following action plan is proposed to enable the Erie County agri-business park to capture those opportunities.

Task 1. Seek an "Anchor Tenant" locally. As indicated earlier, Erie County appears to be a competitive location for an agri-business park. But as such, it is "in the game" for food processing prospects. There is no overwhelmingly compelling case to be made to a food processor that it should locate in the County's proposed agri-business park. That can change as the park gains tenants and market exposure. In particular, marketing the park will become much easier once it has a major "anchor" tenant. Consequently the cornerstone of the recommended action plan is for the County to carefully cultivate such anchor tenants from within the region and even from within the County itself. As noted above, firms that are already in the County know that their business model works in Erie County—they have suppliers and support services in place along with ready access to market. At the same time, firms that have been in the County for more than ten years may be looking to upgrade facilities to improve their competitiveness. The Erie County agri-business park could provide such firms with a new facility that could also address limitation in their current location with regard to transportation access, the quantity and quality of electric supply, water supply, etc. Thus the first step in marketing the park may be to reach out to existing food processing enterprises in and around Erie County.

Dairy processors present one such opportunity. Indeed, Upstate Cooperative has asked to be kept informed on the development of the park and should be one of the first companies to be approached in discussing the park and the advantages it might provide for them and other firms in the region. As mentioned above, the Eden Valley Cooperative may represent another such opportunity in the organic/specialty produce sector.

Task 2. Make the case to other prospective tenants. Erie County has not done a good job of making its advantages apparent to site selectors and others. As the County is pursuing an anchor tenant is should also put together a "case statement" that expresses the advantages of an Erie County location for food processors. A central element of this message should be that Erie County is a sophisticated industrial economy located in a strong agricultural region. As indicated earlier, Erie County is the region's hub for



producer services. It also has the infrastructure to support sophisticated processing operations and the transportation system that can support a variety of modes to get goods cheaply and easily to major markets. The County should assemble a package that addresses critical success factors for modern food processing. These include:

A labor pool with relevant skill sets and experience in an increasingly complex and capitalintensive manufacturing environment

Workforce training resources that can support the industry-specific needs of food manufacturers, which now include elevated needs for skills associated with high-speed automation, robotics, increasingly stringent and complex sanitation and cleanliness requirements, and energy-efficient production processes

A regulatory environment (at both the state and local level) that has experience in approvals required both to construct and operate food-processing facilities and the various utility requirements, emissions, and waste streams that are often associated with their operations

A local presence of suppliers, contractors, and technicians who can install, maintain, and maximize energy efficiency required for critical process utility systems and specialized production equipment, which is increasing in sophistication

Incentives geared to assist manufacturing by offering programs that mitigate infrastructure upgrade costs, reduction of taxes on real property and machinery and tools, and support for training....

Easy transport access to markets including multi-modal options.

Flexible facilities to be able to respond to changes in market demand.

High quality and plentiful supplies of both water and electricity.²¹

Task 3. Pursue the opportunities in Controlled Environment Agriculture, Organic/Specialty Produce and Transshipment Processors. With an anchor tenant in place and a clear case statement of the advantages that Erie County's agri-business park provides, Erie County can then begin a broader marketing effort with site selectors, as well as establishing a regular presence at key industry trade shows. Appendix 4 contains a sample of trade shows. The precise shows to be included in this effort

²¹ Scott Kupperman, "Consumer Demographics and Preferences Drive Food Industry Location Decisions," *Area Development*, Q4, 2015, (emphases added).



March 2016

should be developed in consultation with local representatives of the target industries for agri-business park.

Final Note: The Need for Administrative Capacity

As this analysis makes clear, there are opportunities for an agri-business park in Erie County. It should be equally clear that successfully marketing this facility will be a complex process. Developing the marketing message and appropriate materials will be important. But this effort will extend far beyond that. As indicated in the introduction, the success of this venture depends upon the creation of a strong food processing ecosystem in the County. In a sense the actual building of the park will be the crowning achievement in the creation of that ecosystem. If the pieces described in Task 2 are in place to support food processors, the success of the agri-business park is virtually assured.

Going forward, Erie County should ensure that it has the capacity to build the industry relationships that are required. This is particularly important for the effort to secure a local "anchor tenant." But in addition, each of the opportunities identified here will require significant sustained attention. For example, realizing the potential for both organic/specialty produce and controlled environment agriculture will require working with firms within those industries as well as working with growers to ensure that, once operating, the enterprises will have access to an adequate supply of raw materials. Finally, as in any major economic development venture, demonstrating the availability of workforce and workforce development resources will be an ongoing concern. As the County proceeds with this venture, it will be important that it maintains the capacity to simultaneously address these diverse but critical concerns.



Appendix 1: Bibliography

Agricultural and Community Development Services, "Cattaraugus County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan," February 2007

Agricultural and Community Development Services, "Genesee County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan," March 2001

Albright, Louis D., Langhans, Robert W., "Controlled Environment Agriculture Scoping Study," Controlled Environment Agriculture Program, Cornell University, 1996

Alliance of Ontario Food Processors, "Ontario's Food and Beverage Processing Industry Strategy," October 2013

Amanor-Boadu, Vincent et.al, "Case Study: National Grape Cooperative Association," Arthur Capper Cooperative Center Case Study Series No. 03-04, Department of Agricultural Economics, Kansas State University, Oct 2003

Area Development Research Desk, "Food & Beverage Processing Firms Drawn By the Right Mix of Assets in Lehigh Valley, PA" Area Development, 2015

http://www.areadevelopment.com/stateResources/pennsylvania/Food-Beverage-Processing-Firms-Lehigh-Valley-PA-098877.shtml

Area Development Research Desk, "Incentives, Trained Workers Help Food Processors to Grow in Cumberland County, New Jersey," Area Development 2015,

http://www.areadevelopment.com/stateResources/newJersey/Incentives-Workers-Food-Processors-Cumberland-NJ-0988991.shtml

Buffalo Niagara Enterprise, "Agribusiness Industry Report," March 2014

Buffalo Niagara Enterprise, "Buffalo Niagara Agricultural Dairy & Food Processing Opportunities and Advantages" 2008

CapGemini Consulting, "Food for Thought, the Future of Agribusiness," Life Sciences, 2010

Chautauqua County, "Chautauqua County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan," September 2000

Cooperative Extension Services, University of Georgia College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, "Is Your Agribusiness Project Feasible?," UGA Bulletin 1066

Cornell Center for Controlled Environment Agriculture, Infographic "How Indoor Agriculture is a Boon to New York Foodies." Indoor Agriculture Conference, October 15, 2015



Erie County Department of Environment & Planning Office of Geographic Information Services Data, "Erie County Agricultural Districts Map" current as of October 16, 2014

Erie County Department of Environment and Planning, Erie County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board, American Farmland Trust, "Erie County, New York Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan" October 24, 2012

Fan, Xiaoli, "Modeling Optimal Location of Broccoli Cooling Facilities in Western NYS," Cornell Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management, February 25, 2015

Field and Fork Network, "Ready to Grow, Food Hub Feasibility Study," July 24, 2014

Goddek, Simon et al., "Challenges of Sustainable and Commercial Aquaponics" *Sustainability* **2015**, *7*(4), 4199-4224; doi:10.3390/su7044199 Published: 10 April 2015

Goldsberry, Clare, "Market Report: Food Processing Companies Grow at a Steady Pace," Area Development, 2014, http://www.areadevelopment.com/FoodProcessing/Q2-2014/food-processing-industry-consolidation-expansion-28198122.shtml

Higgins, Kevin T., "Food Plants of the Future: Not Bigger, Just Smarter," FoodProcessing.com, September 5, 2013, http://www.foodprocessing.com/articles/2013/plant-of-the-future/?show=all

IBIS World, "Hydroponic Crop Farming in the US: Market Research Report" 2016

Informa Economics Inc, Moran, Stahl & Boyer, LLC, "Agriculture-Dependent Economic Development⊡ for Western New York State," Buffalo Niagara Enterprise, October 25, 2006

Jenkins, Sonya, "An Updated Overview of the Canadian Food Processing Sector," Global Agricultural Information Network, Date: 12/17/2014 GAIN Report Number: CA14117

Kupperman, Scott, "Consumer Demographics and Preferences Drive Food Industry Location Decisions," Area Development Online, 2015 http://www.areadevelopment.com/FoodProcessing/Q4-2015-food-processing-guide/Food-Industry-Location-Decisions-345577.shtml

McKenna, Barrie, "Ontario drives manufacturers away with overpriced electricity," The Globe and Mail, Published Sunday, Oct. 13, 2013 7:18PM EDT, http://www.theglobeandmail.com/report-on-business/economy/ontario-drives-manufacturers-away-with-overpriced-electricity/article14854752/

Moriarty, Rick"Taxpayers will subsidize indoor farm for Syracuse suburbs, but what exactly is it?," Syracuse.com, Dec 27, 2015,

http://www.syracuse.com/businessnews/index.ssf/2015/12/taxpayers_will_subsidize_indoor_farm_for syracuse suburbs but what exactly is it.html

New York State Association of Counties Farming Task Force, "Promoting Agriculture in Your County," November 2013



Niagara County Agricultural & Farmland Protection Board, "Niagara County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan, August 1999

Oliver, David, "Top 10 food and beverage industry trends and why they matter," FoodDive.com, August 26, 2015, http://www.fooddive.com/news/top-10-food-and-beverage-industry-trends-and-why-they-matter/404484/

Phillips, David, "2013 Manufacturing Trends Survey: Labor, Not Energy, the Concern in 2013," FoodProcessing.com, http://www.foodprocessing.com/articles/2013/manufacturing-trends/?show=all

Poloncarz, Mark C., Erie County Executive, "Initiatives for a Smart Economy," June 2013

Rabobank Food and Agriculture Research Group, "The Growing U.S. Greenhouse Produce Niche -- Capitalizing on High Tech Quality and Consistency" 2013

Ridgetown College, University of Guelph Economics Research Group, "Food industry Growth Trends in Ontario's Southwest Region," September 2003

SAGE: Sustainable Agriculture Education, USDA Risk Management Agency "Community Outreach and Assistance Partnership Program, Urban Edge: Agricultural Parks Feasibility Study," February 2005

Schantz-Feld, Mali R., "Market Report: Innovations in Food Processing Help to Meet Economic Challenges," Area Development, Spring 2013

http://www.areadevelopment.com/FoodProcessing/Q2-2013/food-processing-innovations-economic-challenges-26181671.shtml

Smith, Sarah, "The Future of Food in 2015," Institute for the Future, January 21, 2015, http://www.iftf.org/future-now/article-detail/the-future-of-food-in-2015/

Sours, David, Senior Vice President, Food Facilities Group, CBRE & Durbin, Lucy, Senior Associate, Food Facilities Group, CBRE, "The Art and Science of Locating a New Food Plant," Area Development, 2015, http://www.areadevelopment.com/corporate-site-selection-factors/Q2-2015/locating-food-manufacturing-facility-critical-factors-377009.shtml

The Hingston Roach Group, Inc. Elesco, Ltd. Progressive Engineering Group, Inc., "Kamiah Commerce Park Feasibility Study," City of Kamiah, Idaho, March 2012

University at Buffalo Department of Urban and Regional Planning, "Room at the Table: Food System Assessment of Erie County" Fall 2011

University at Buffalo Regional Institute, "Sowing the Seeds for Southtowns Agribusiness An Assessment of Farms and a Plan for the Future" Southtowns Community Enhancement Coalition, March 2009



Market Analysis, Erie County Agri-business Park

Vaught, John, Senior Vice President, Transwestern, "Keep It Fresh: Re-evaluating the Food Manufacturing Supply Chain," Area Development, 2015

Western New York Regional Economic Development Council, "A Strategy for Prosperity in Western New York," November 2011



2.6				4 4 4 4 4	T 1
Market Ana	lvcic	Frie (`ountv	Agri-hugi	nace Park
Marketima	1 / 010.		Jount	men busi	ness i ai k

Appendix 2: List of Stakeholder Contacts & Interviews



	Stakeholders Contacted for this Study								
	Title (if								
Name	available)	Organization	Called	Emailed	Interviewed				
Agricultural Advocacy/Assistar	nce								
	Ī								
Sharon Bachman, Megan		Cornell Cooperative	11/03,11/0	11/12	Yes				
Burley		Extension Erie County	4	·					
		Cornell Cooperative	11/03,	11/12	Van				
Cheryl Thayer		Extension Erie County	11/10	11/12	Yes				
	Executive	New York Farm	11/03,	11/12	Directed us to				
Jeff Kirby	Director	Bureau	11/10	11/12	local president				
	President	Erie County Farm	2/24/16						
Jeffery Simons	Fresident	Bureau	2/24/10						
Tristan Zuber		Cornell Cooperative		11/18					
		Extension Erie County		11/10					
Thomas Bjorkman	Researcher	Cornell Broccoli	12/11	11/18	Yes				
	Researcher	Project	12/11	11/10	163				
Carl Moody	Dairy	Cornell Cooperative	2/15		Yes				
	Specialist	Extension Erie County	2/13		163				
Farms									
Construct Bal Coulls		Coatle Forms	11/03;						
George and Pat Castle		Castle Farms	2/24/16						
Jerry Mammoser		Mammoser Farms	11/03;						
			2/24/16						
D. M. Dielle		DI-UII - F UI - F	11/10;						
David Phillips		Phillips Family Farm	2/24/16						
Name and a		Wendel's Poultry	11/10;		Daaliaaal				
Marty Wendel		Farm	2/24/16		Declined				
Dah and Jasan Frank			11/10;		Ves /Jeses Frede)				
Bob and Jason Engel		Shamel Milling	2/24/16		Yes (Jason Engle)				
Lloyed Lorente		Lamb and Webster	11/10;		Ves				
Lloyd Lamb		Lamb and webster	2/24/16		Yes				
Byon and Liz Donovan		Sweet Harvest Farm	11/10;						
Ryan and Liz Donovan		Sweet harvest Farm	2/24/16						
Wayne and Gerald Aldinger		Aldingor's Farm	11/10;						
wayne and Geraid Aldinger		Aldinger's Farm	2/24/16						
			11/10;		Wishes to be				
Carmen Vacco		Vacco Farms	2/24/16		interviewed in				
			2/24/10		person				
Hans Boxler Jr		Boxler Dairy Farm							
Day Carls and		00.4	11/10;						
Dan Gerhardt		GC Acres	2/24/16						
Peter Gugino		Peter S. Gugino Farms							
Dairy Processors									
		Galbani Cheese	11/11;						
Jessica Ruth		(Formerly Sorrento)	2/24/16						
Jeddica Natif	L	(Formerly Sofferio)	∠/ ∠¬/ ±0						



				T	
		Perry's Ice Cream Co,	11/11,		
		Inc.	12/11;		
Robert Denning			2/24/16		
Jeff Sokal		Steuben Foods Inc	11/10, 12/11	11/12	Declined
Time Harman		Upstate Milk	12/11		Directed to Ken
Tim Harner		Cooperative	12/11		Voelker
Jodi Smith		Upstate Milk	12/11		Directed to Joe
Jour Smith		Cooperative	12/11		Duscher
Ken Voelker		Upstate Milk	12/11		
ken voerker		Cooperative	12/11		
Las Dusahan		Upstate Milk	1/5		Vaa
Joe Duscher		Cooperative	1/5		Yes
Food Processors					
			11/03,		
David Wilczak		Eden Valley Growers-	11/10,		Yes
	Manager	food hub	12/11		
			11/03,		
			11/13,		
Norb and Lynn Gabel		Gabel's Maple Syrup	12/11;		
			2/24/16		
		Wegmans Markets	12/11		
		vvegilialis ivial kets	-		
Ed Cibb and		Daiadavia/a	12/11,		
Ed Gibbons		Deisderio's	2/15/16;		
			2/24/16		
		Tyson Meat	11/10		
		Kraft Foods Global Inc	11/10		
Robert Drago		Cava Faada	11/10;		
		Goya Foods	2/24/16		
		Conagra Foods			
Brian Paul		Trophy Foods	12/11		Declined
Mark Labine		N. Ladda al Essala	12/11;		
		Nutrablend Foods	2/24/16		
Drew Blum	05.0	. III. 1 = 0.	2/15;		
	CEO	Allied Frozen Storage	2/24/16		
Pasquale (Pat) Greco			12/11;		
, ,			2/24/16		
Bankers/Lenders					
Nathan Rudgers	Farm Credit		11/10, 11/11		Yes
Hans Kunze- commercial	Steuben				
lender	Trust (Bank)		11/10		
Economic Developers	Trust (Darik)				
Leonomic Developers	0::				
Charles M. Martine Co. D.	Chief	Erie County IDA		11/12, 12/11	Yes
Steven W. Weathers, CEcD	Executive	,		. , ,	



– Market Analysis, Erie County Agri-business Park –

	Officer				
	President	Buffalo Niagara	11/11,	11/12	Vac
Thomas Kucharski	and CEO	Enterprise	12/11	11/12	Yes
	Development	National Grid (electric,	11/11	11/12	Yes
Mary Grace Welch	Team	gas)		11/12	res
	Strategic	Empire State	11/11,		
	Business	Development	12/11	11/12	
Jeff Janiszewski	Development	·	,		
		Empire State			Yes
Jane Thelen		Development			
	Econ. Dev. &	NYS Energy Research	11/11,	11/12	.,
Kaller Tedan	Community	and Development	12/11	11/12	Yes
Kelly Tyler	Outreach	Authority			
Site Selectors/Realtors	Γ			T	
	Industrial				
	and Supply	Biggins Lacy Shapiro &		11/12	
	Chain Practice	Co.			
Michelle Comerford	Leader				
Whichelie Comeriord	Leauei				
Jay A. Garner, CEcD, CCE, FM,	President &				
HLM	Founder	Garner Economics, LLC		11/12	
Jerry Szatan	Owner	Szatan & Associates		11/12	
	Senior	Newmark Grubb		,	
	Managing	Knight Frank, Global		11/12	
Gregg Wassmansdorf	Director	Corporate Services			
Jeff Mengel		Plante and Moran		11/12	
John Morris		Cushman Wakefield		11/12	
Jamie Kishel		Cushman Wakefield		11/12	
Chris		Colliers International		11/12	
Art Rasmussen Jr.		CBRE		11/12	
Paul Tyler		Haskell		11/12	
Dennis J. Donovan	Partner	Wadley Donovan Gutshaw Consulting		11/12	Yes



Appendix 3: Sample of Food Processors in Southwestern Ontario

	Sample of Food Processing Firms in Southwest Ontario								
		SUITE			POSTAL	ACTUAL EMPLOYEE	ACTUAL SALES		
COMPANY NAME	ADDRESS	#	CITY	PROVINCE	CODE	SIZE	VOLUME	NAICS Code	NAICS Description
									FROZEN FRUIT JUICE &
							4		VEGETABLE
JORIKI INC	885 SANDY BEACH RD		PICKERING	ON	L1W 3N6	150	\$56,700,000	31141102	MANUFACTURING
									FROZEN FRUIT JUICE & VEGETABLE
CHERRY LANE FROZEN FRUITS	4230 VICTORIA AVE		VINELAND STATION	ON	LOR 2EO	80	\$30,240,000	31141102	MANUFACTURING
CHERRY BAYETROZERTROTTS	1250 11010111111111		VIIVEE AND STATION	O.N	LON ZEO		ψ30, 2 10,000	31111102	FROZEN FRUIT JUICE &
									VEGETABLE
REDSTONE FOODS LTD	2335 DUNWIN DR		MISSISSAUGA	ON	L5L 1A3	30	\$12,720,000	31141102	MANUFACTURING
									FROZEN FRUIT JUICE &
							4		VEGETABLE
ROMAN CHEESE PRODUCTS	7770 CANADIAN DR		NIAGARA FALLS	ON	L2E 6S5	25	\$7,975,000	31141102	MANUFACTURING
									FROZEN FRUIT JUICE & VEGETABLE
OKE PRODUCE 2004 LTD	111 COURT ST		OSHAWA	ON	L1H 4W5	9	\$3,402,000	31141102	MANUFACTURING
OKE I NOBOCE 2004 ETB	TIT COOK! 31		OSHAWA	ON	LINAWS		73,402,000	31141102	FROZEN FRUIT JUICE &
									VEGETABLE
SUPREME PIEROGIES INC	1190 MID-WAY BLVD	10	MISSISSAUGA	ON	L5T 2B9	20	\$3,160,000	31141102	MANUFACTURING
		•							FROZEN SPECIALTY FOOD
BONDUELLE CANADA INC*	225 LOTHIAN AVE		STRATHROY	ON	N7G 4J1	300	\$95,700,000	31141202	MANUFACTURING
DIGIL DE COLLETS OF CALLED A LTD*	12 114 251/ 11/5		5007 5015		101 1110	200	400 000 000	2444202	FROZEN SPECIALTY FOOD
RICH PRODUCTS OF CANADA LTD*	12 HAGEY AVE		FORT ERIE	ON	L2A 1W3	280	\$89,320,000	31141202	MANUFACTURING
BONDUELLE CANADA INC*	1192 LACASSE BLVD		WINDSOR	ON	N8N 2C5	250	\$79,750,000	31141202	FROZEN SPECIALTY FOOD MANUFACTURING
BONDOLLLE CANADA INC	1192 LACASSE BEVD		WINDSON	ON	Non 2C3	230	\$79,730,000	31141202	FROZEN SPECIALTY FOOD
BONDUELLE CANADA INC*	583278 HAMILTON RD		INGERSOLL	ON	N5C 3J7	200	\$63,800,000	31141202	MANUFACTURING
							, , ,		FROZEN SPECIALTY FOOD
MOLINARO'S FINE ITALIAN FOODS	2345 STANFIELD RD	50	MISSISSAUGA	ON	L4Y 3Y3	160	\$51,040,000	31141202	MANUFACTURING
									FROZEN SPECIALTY FOOD
JANES FAMILY FOODS LTD	2160 7 HWY		CONCORD	ON	L4K 1W6	150	\$47,850,000	31141202	MANUFACTURING
D C FOOD DDOCESSING	35 NORTH AND DD		WATERLOO	011	N201/40/0	70	ć22 220 000	24444202	FROZEN SPECIALTY FOOD
D C FOOD PROCESSING	35 NORTHLAND RD		WATERLOO	ON	N2V 1Y8	70	\$22,330,000	31141202	MANUFACTURING
TRANSCONTINENTAL GOURMET FOODS	575 OSTER LANE		CONCORD	ON	L4K 2B9	50	\$15,950,000	31141202	FROZEN SPECIALTY FOOD MANUFACTURING
THAINSCOINTINEINTAE GOOMINET TOODS	373 OSTER LAIVE		CONCOND	CIV	L4N 203	30	713,330,000	31141202	FROZEN SPECIALTY FOOD
ALBA GRAECA	3171 LENWORTH DR		MISSISSAUGA	ON	L4X 2G6	38	\$12,122,000	31141202	MANUFACTURING
	2420 MEADOWPINE								FROZEN SPECIALTY FOOD
BONDUELLE CANADA INC	BLVD	102	MISSISSAUGA	ON	L5N 6S2	38	\$12,122,000	31141202	MANUFACTURING
						30	, -,,		FRUIT & VEGETABLE
SUN-BRITE FOODS	1532 COUNTY ROAD 34		RUTHVEN	ON	NOP 2G0	150	\$69,600,000	31142101	CANNING



Sample of Food Processing Firms in Southwest Ontario									
COMPANY NAME	ADDRESS	SUITE	CITY	PROVINCE	POSTAL CODE	ACTUAL EMPLOYEE SIZE	ACTUAL SALES	NAICS Code	NAICS Description
CONTRAINT NAIVIE	ADDRESS	#	CITY	PROVINCE	CODE	SIZE	VOLUIVIE	NAICS Code	FRUIT & VEGETABLE
WEIL'S FOOD PROCESSING	483 ERIE ST N		WHEATLEY	ON	N0P 2P0	100	\$46,400,000	31142101	CANNING
NATION WIDE CANNING LTD	324 COUNTY RD 34 E		COTTAM	ON	NOR 1B0	25	\$11,600,000	31142101	FRUIT & VEGETABLE CANNING
K D CANNERS INC	4444 EASTGATE PKY	9	MISSISSAUGA	ON	L4W 4T6	20	\$8,480,000	31142103	FRUIT & VEGETABLE CANNING

^{*}Already has had a location/subsidiary in Western NYS.



Source: Compiled by Fairweather Consulting from information provided by InfoUSA.

Appendix 4: Examples of Food Processing Trade Shows

Natural Products Expo West

March 9-13, Anaheim, CA

Natural Products Expo West is where new products turn into record profits, relationship building and ROI is always high, and brand awareness builds momentum with each better business practice. Experience with over 3000 exhibits from over 1,800 different companies showcasing the newest products in natural and specialty foods, organic, health and beauty, natural living, supplements and pet products.

2016 Sweets & Snacks Expo

May 24-26, Chicago

Sponsored by the National Confectioners Association, the Expo is the candy & snacks industry's most successful, world class event and the only show that represents all of the major U.S. distribution channels of confectionery and snack products in one location.

International Dairy-Deli-Bakery Association 2016 Trade Show June 5-7, Houston

The IDDBA conducts an annual trade show that attracts over 8,500 registrants, includes over 1800 exhibit booths, features a state-of-the-industry merchandising center, and offers top speakers such as business leaders, key policy makers, and legislative leaders. IDDBA's annual seminar & expo features the finest in dairy, deli and bakery: new products, new suppliers, new contacts, new (and old) buyers, and new ideas. This conference rotates geographically around the U.S.

United Fresh 2016

June 20-22, Chicago

Fresh food trends, new produce items and leading-edge processing technology for fruits and vegetables will be on display at the United Fresh Produce Association's annual convention and expo. The event is collocated at Chicago's McCormick Place Convention Center with three other industry events: FMI Connect, the International Floriculture Expo and the Global Cold Chain Expo, a new event designed for managers of refrigerated transportation and cold storage facilities. Registrants to United Fresh 2016 will have access to all four events. For an additional fee, attendees get an all-access pass for admittance to Fresh Foods: The Retail Revolution, an educational program that focuses on trends, innovations and examples of how fresh produce and other foods are impacting retail channels.

IFT Food Expo 2016

July 16-19, Chicago

Discover the industry's largest collection of food ingredients, equipment, processing, and packaging suppliers, all under one roof. This is where the latest global food trends — and the products and innovations designed to address them — are on display.



Natural Products Expo East September 22-24, Baltimore

Natural Products Expo East brings together the natural, organic and healthy-lifestyle industry with thousands of products from passionate manufacturers, inspiring and practical education, and networking events where you will meet the contacts that will carry your business through its next stage of growth.

Private Label Show

November16-18, Rosemont, IL

For more than 30 years, PLMA's annual trade show has been the industry event of the year, where retailers and wholesalers source for their private label programs. More than 1,300 companies from 40 countries will be exhibiting their products, including 25 international pavilions. Exhibitors range from small and medium-size companies to well-known national brand makers who also supply store brands.

Source: Food Processing, 2016 Events Guide. Putnam Media, 2016.

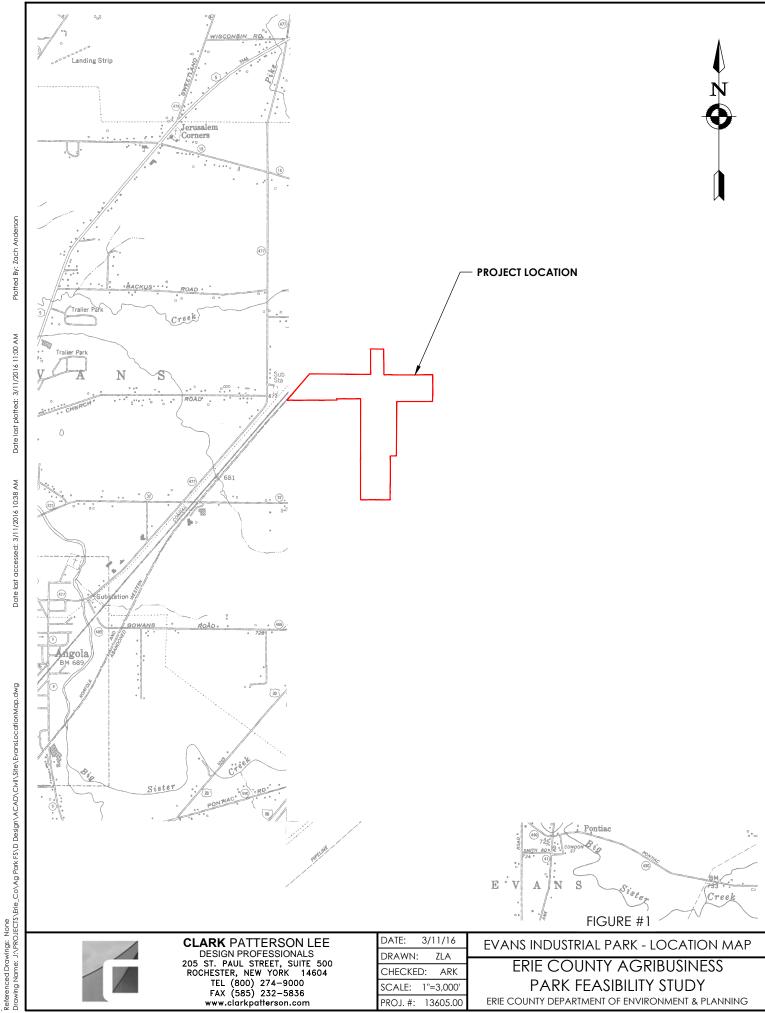


Appendix J

Evans Industrial Park Preferred Site Analysis

- Section 1: Location Map, Existing Site Plan
- Section 2: Zoning Map
- Section 3: Environmental Review Maps
- Section 4: Utility Record Mapping
- Section 5: Conceptual Site Plans
- Section 6: Cost Estimates
- Section 7: Per Acre Cost Analysis

Section 1: Location Map and Existing Site Plan

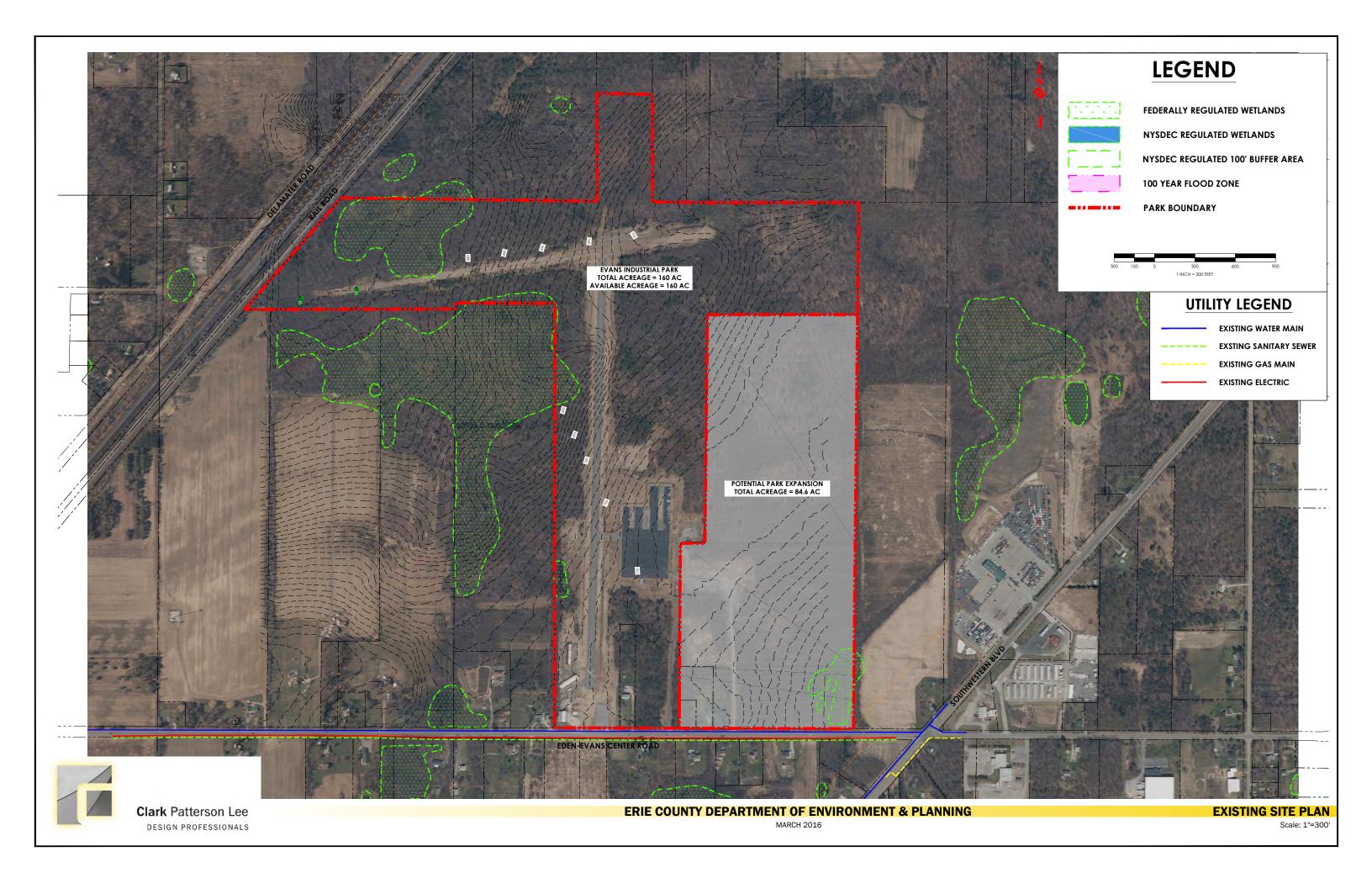


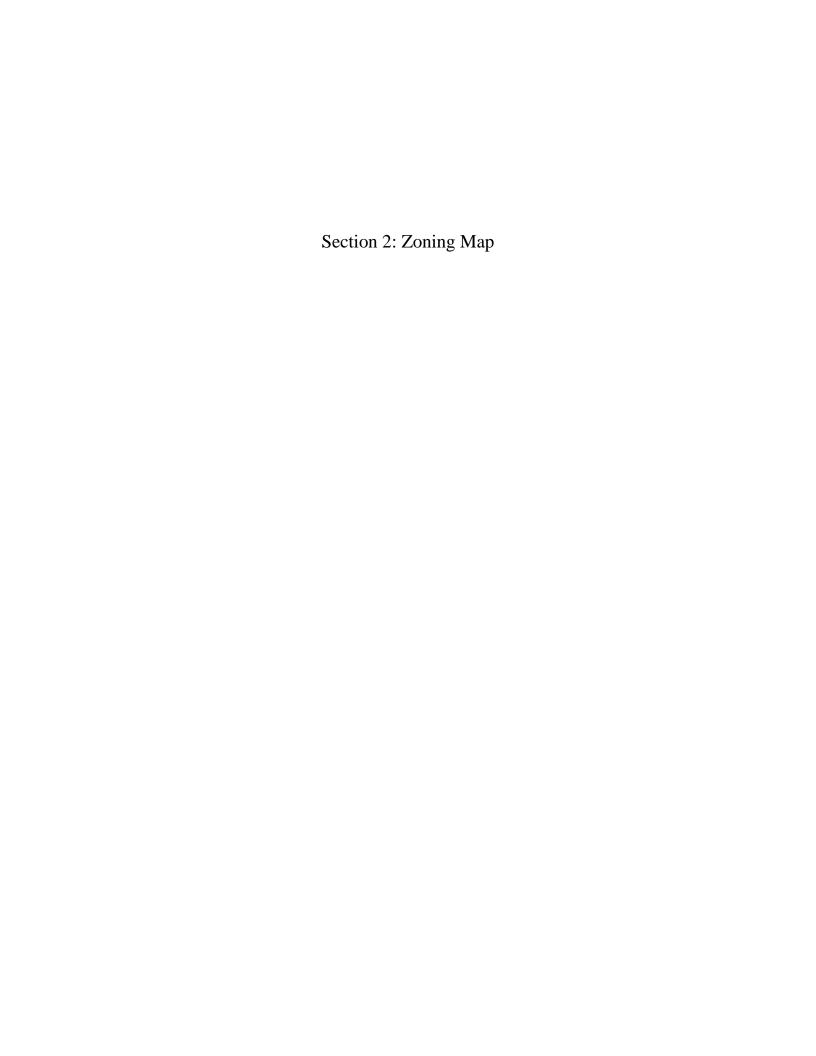
CLARK PATTERSON LEE
DESIGN PROFESSIONALS
205 ST. PAUL STREET, SUITE 500
ROCHESTER, NEW YORK 14604
TEL (800) 274-9000
FAX (585) 232-5836
www.clarkpatterson.com

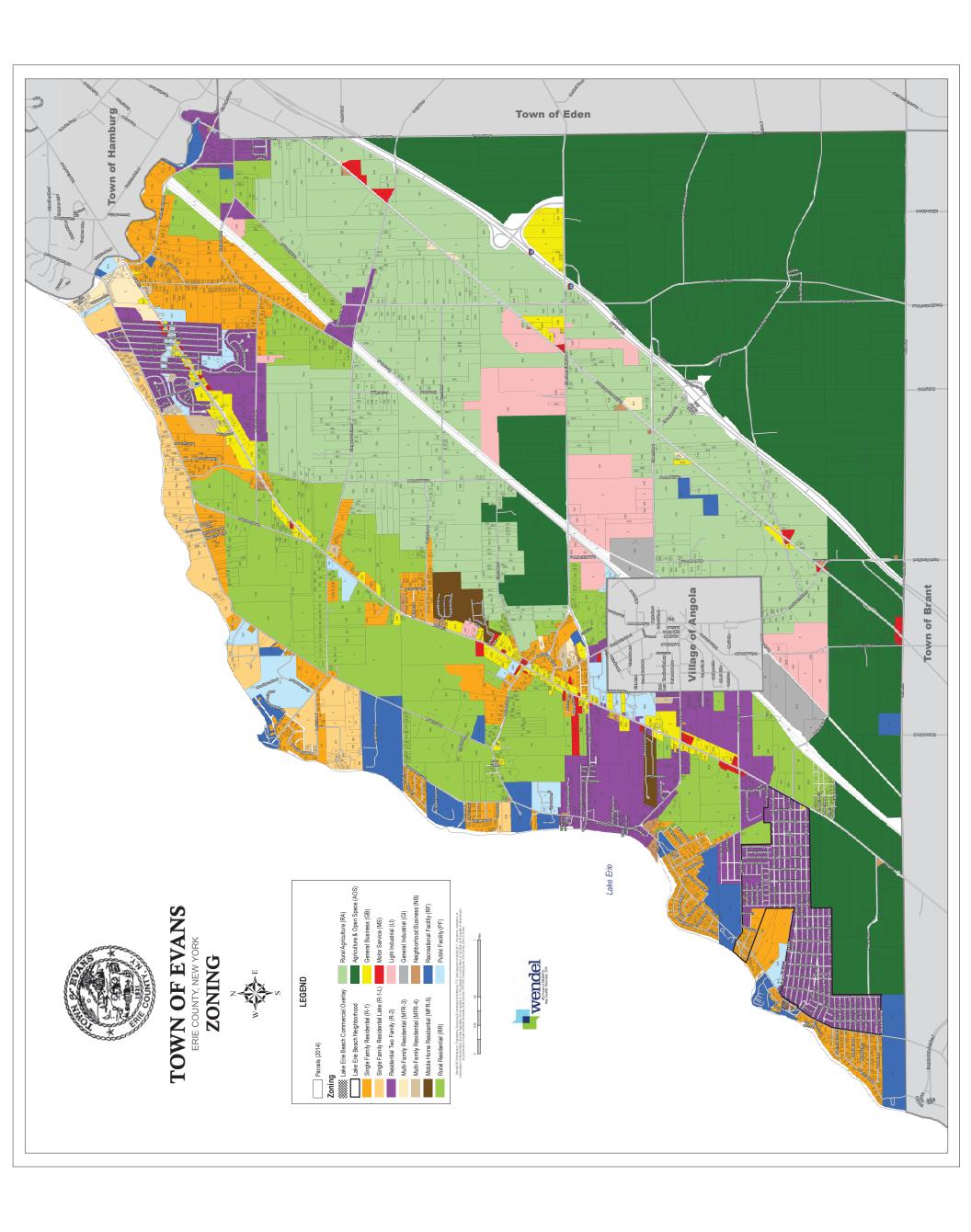
DATE:	3/11/16
DRAWN:	ZLA
CHECKE	D: ARK
SCALE:	1"=3,000'
PROJ. #:	13605.00

PARK FEASIBILITY STUDY

ERIE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING







Section 3: Environmental Review Maps



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

National Wetlands Inventory

Evans Industrial Park

Mar 10, 2016

Wetlands Freshwater Emergent Freshwater Forested/Shrub Estuarine and Marine Deepwater Estuarine and Marine Freshwater Pond Lake Riverine Other

This map is for general reference only. The US Fish and Wildlife Service is not responsible for the accuracy or currentness of the base data shown on this map. All wetlands related data should be used in accordance with the layer metadata found on the Wetlands Mapper web site.

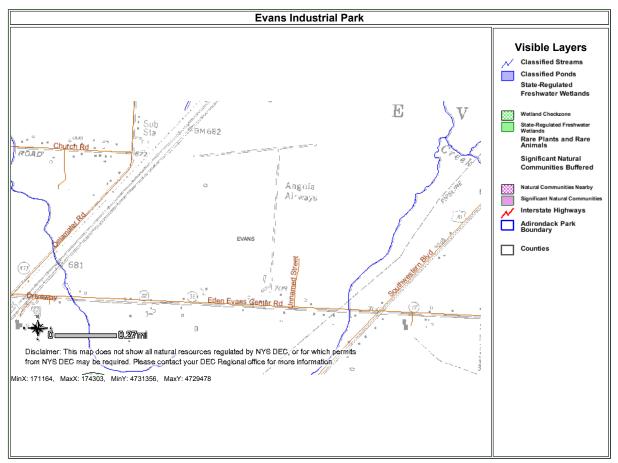
User Remarks:

1000 ft

Map Output Page 1 of 1

[print page] [close window

Please set your printer orientation to "Landscape".

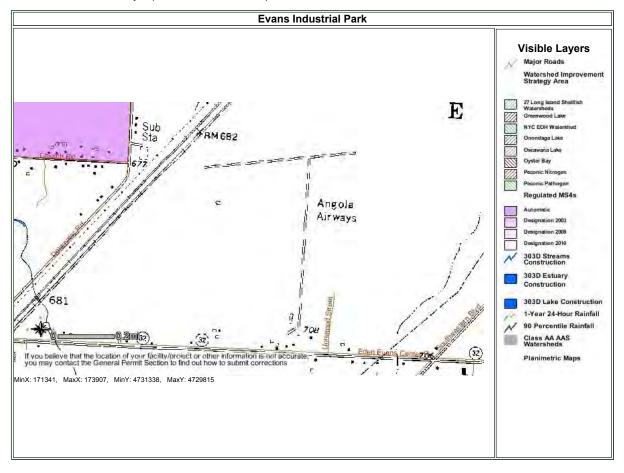


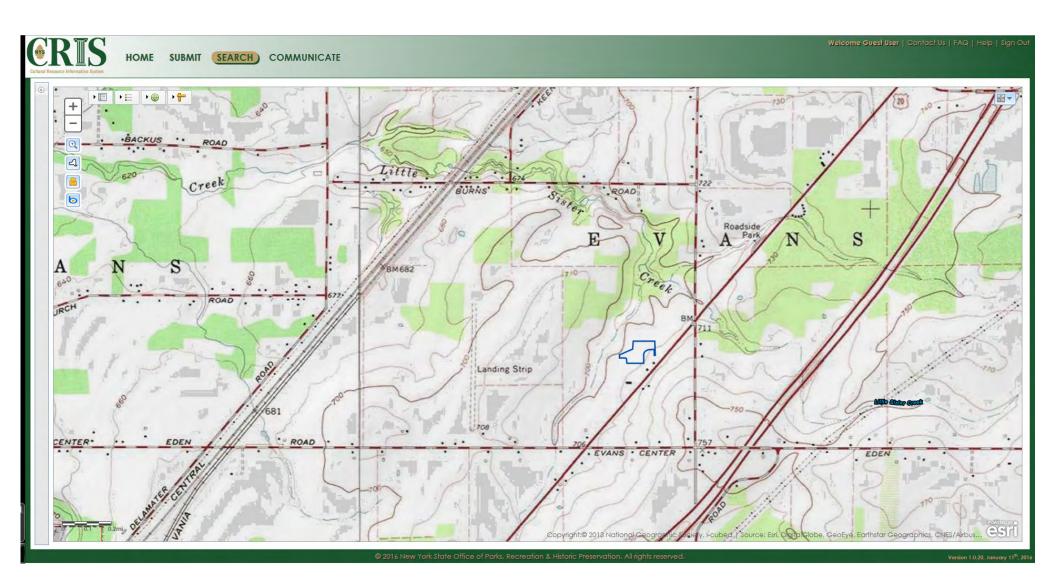
Disclaimer:This map was prepared by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation using the most current data available. It is deemed accurate but is not guaranteed. NYS DEC is not responsible for any inaccuracies in the data and does not necessarily endorse any interpretations or products derived from the data.

Map Output Page 1 of 1

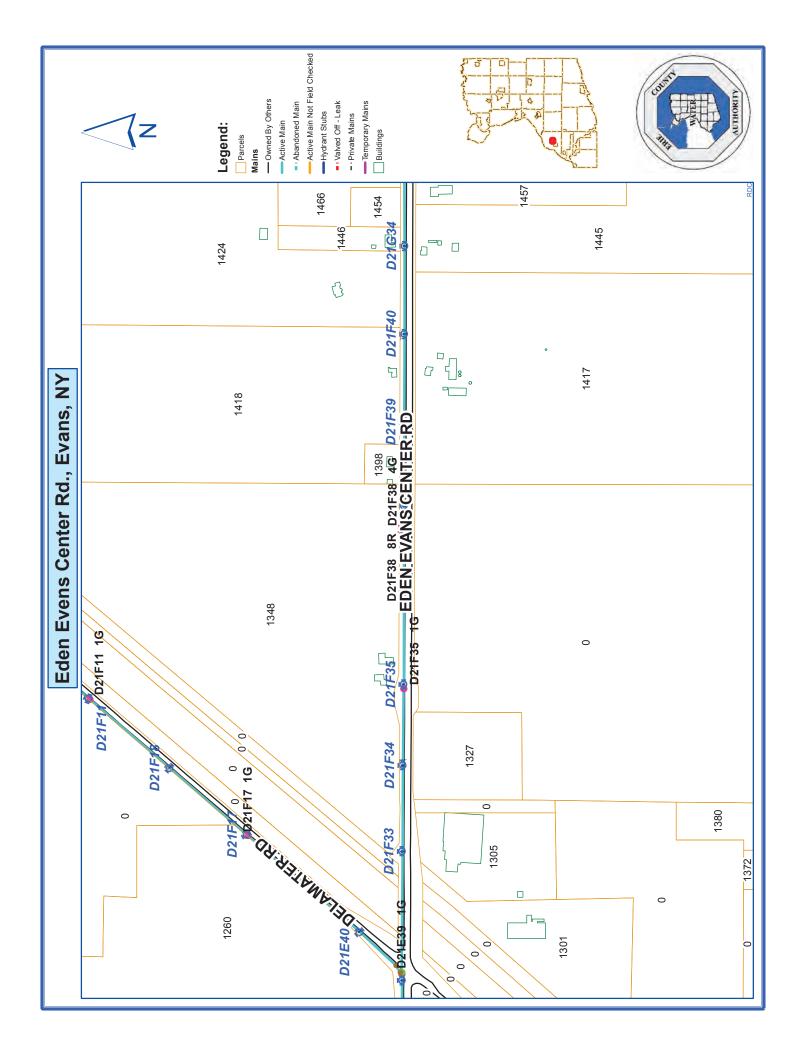
[print page] [close window]

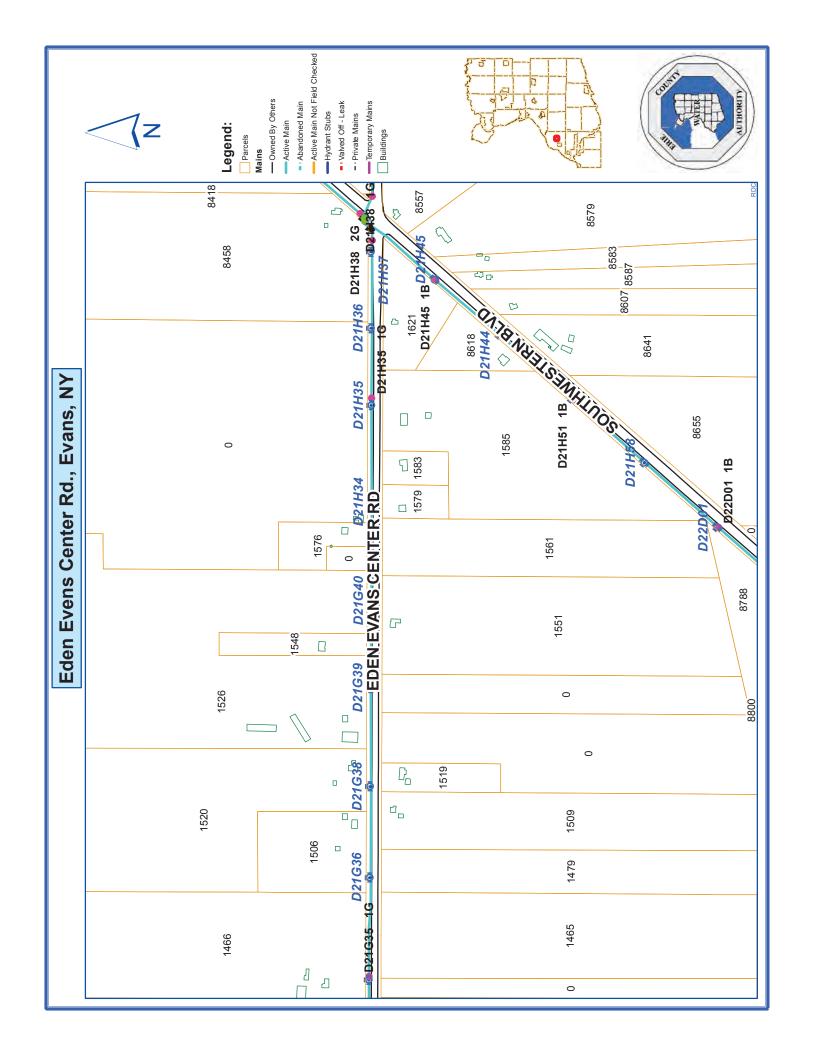
Please set your printer orientation to "Landscape".





Section 4: Utility Record Mapping





ERIE COUNTY	DR. D.K.C.	DR.	TOWN OF	EVANS	DZ1-G39
WATER AUTH, ORITY	DATE: 7.30.15	DATE:	W.D.		DETAIL SHT. NO.
BUFFALO, NEW YORK	FIELD	OFFICE		127	20050014-6 CURRENT PROJECT NO
BLDG. #1526					
513.0' TO HYD, D21	-G38 4	-54,0' T	0 HYD. DZI-	1-	
KENNE	D7		. /	78	M 3-1
KII		25.6,			
10" c.l.P,	1 -910)" c.i.p,	IG	10"	
4 PAVED SHOULDE	R		4'.1	PAVED S	HOULDER
TEDEN	19 EV	ANS_	18.47 CEN	TER I	RD. €
5' PAYED SHOULDE	:R		51 P	AVED SI	HOULDER
			DWGSET1		D21-G39

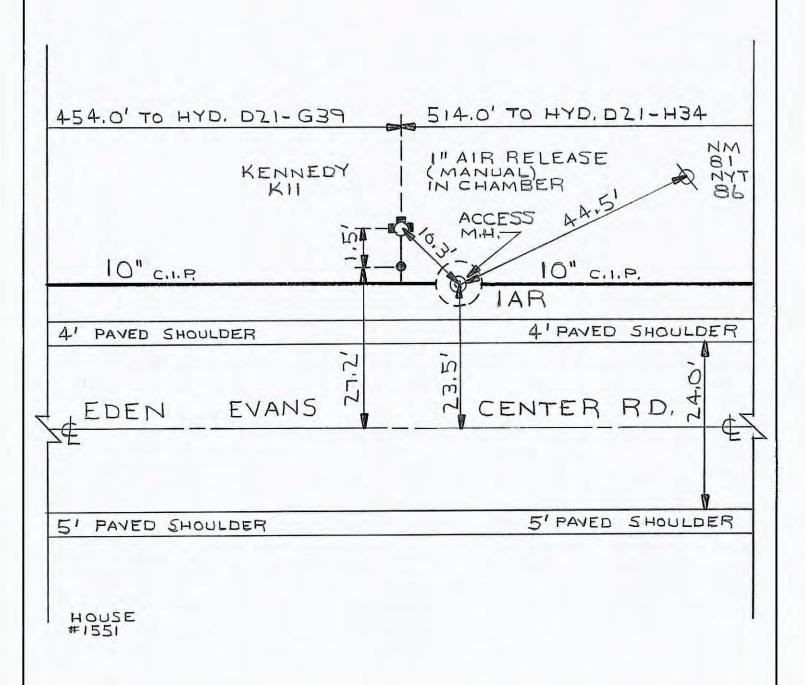
MASTER COPY

FC	ERIE COUNTY
WA	ERIE COUNTY \$\bigop\text{WATER AUTH_ORITY} \\ BUFFALO, NEW YORK

DR. D.K.C.	DR.
DATE: 7.30.15	DATE:
FIELD	OFFICE

TOWN OF EVANS W.D.5 D21-G40 DETAIL SHT. NO. 200500146 CURRENT PROJECT NO.





DWGSETI DWGSET8 EVTN-928-0501

DZ1-G40 DETAIL SHT. NO.

Hydrant Inquiry Routine RDC CHI020-B Hydrant Grid No: D21 - G39 Hydrant X No.: Address.: 1526 EDEN EVANS CENTER RD St Side: N Lot:

Location: 6TH HYD W/O SOUTHWESTERN BLVD

Town Code..: EVTN EVANS
Field Bk/Pg:
Water Dst: 345 EVANS WD #5

Dead End...: N

Fire Dist: 44020 ANGOLA FIRE PROTECTION

Valve Loc: 1.4' S/O HYD

26.6' N/O CL OF EDEN EVANS CENTER RD

Make Code: 62 KENNEDY STANDARD K11 Drain Plugged: N Main Type: CI

Main Size: 10 Branch Size: 06 Steamer: Size: 4.5 No: 1 Hose: Size: 2.5 No: 2

Comments.:

Pressure.: 75 lbs Date: 6/05/2014 Flow: 1,390 gpm Date: 12/18/2014

Grease: 6/05/2014

75 lbs 6/05/2014 Flow: 1,390 gpm Date: 12/18/2 gpm

Cur EC No: Replaced: 0 Instl Dt: Grease:
Pri EC No: Turn On: Paint Dt: 6/27/2014 Thawed:
Billing Info: ECHD Approval Cmp Work Date:

C Account Type Qty Description

_ 60534625-5 L LEASE MANAGED 1.00 ACCOUNTING/PAYROLL DEPT

C: I=Account Inquiry

ENTER=Continue F3=Exit F5=Redisplay F6=Maintenance F24=More Keys

Hydrant Inquiry Routine RDC CHI020-B Hydrant Grid No: D21 - G40 Hydrant X No.: Address.: OP 1551 EDEN EVANS CENTER RD St Side: N Lot: Location: 5TH HYD W/O SOUTHWESTERN BLVD

Town Code..: EVTN EVANS
Field Bk/Pg:
Water Dst: 345 EVANS WD #5

Dead End...: N

Fire Dist: 44020 ANGOLA FIRE PROTECTION

Valve Loc: 1.5' S/O HYD

27.2' N/O CL OF EDEN EVANS CENTER RD

Make Code: 62 KENNEDY STANDARD K11 Drain Plugged: N Main Type: CI

Main Size: 10 Branch Size: 06 Steamer: Size: 4.5 No: 1 Hose: Size: 2.5 No: 2

Comments.:

 Pressure:
 75 lbs Date:
 6/05/2014 Flow:
 1,390 gpm Date:
 12/18/2014 gpm

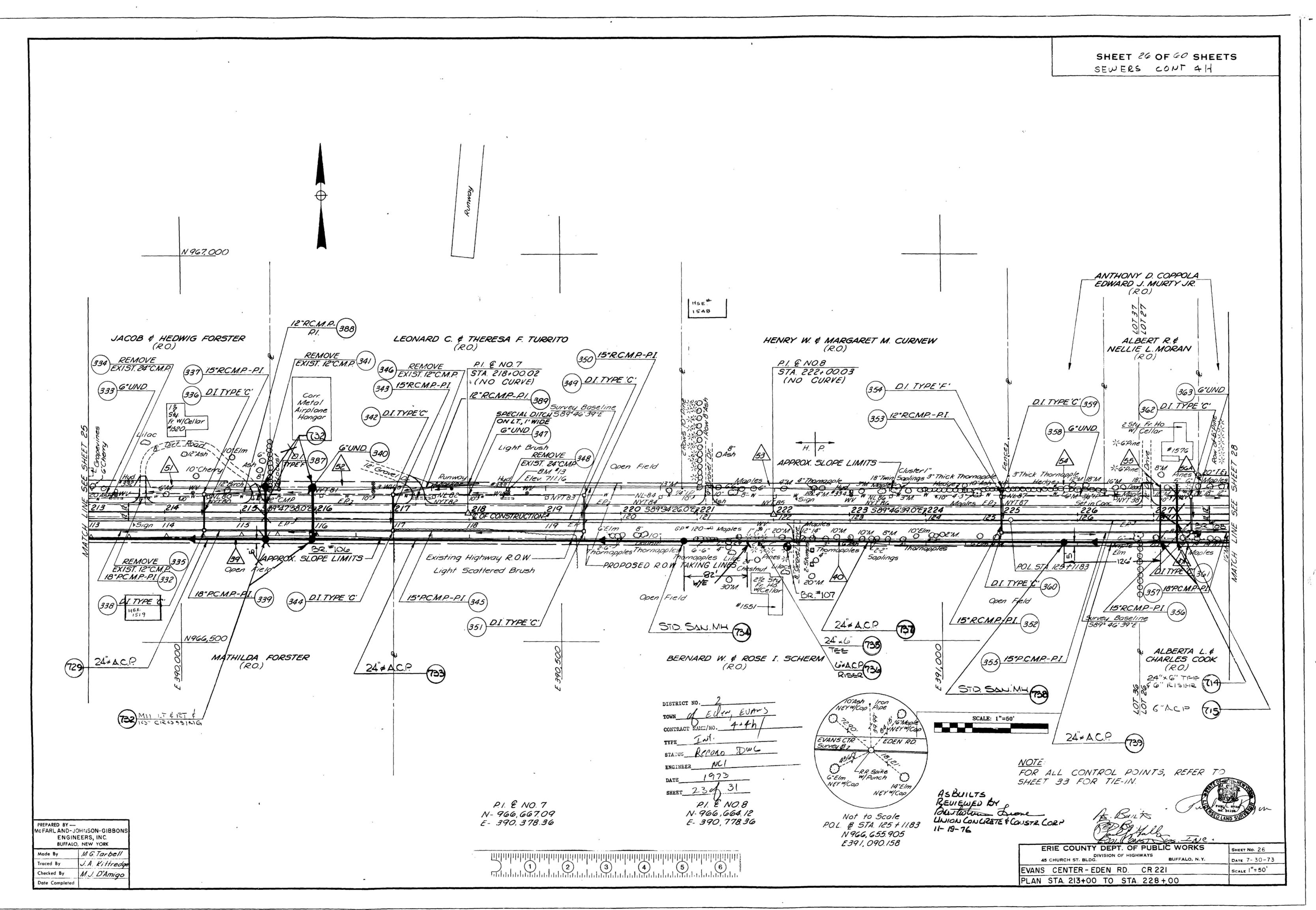
 Cur EC No:
 Replaced:
 0
 Instl Dt:
 Grease:
 6/05/2014 Paint Dt:
 6/27/2014 Thawed:
 1/21/2014 ECHD Approval Cmp Work Date:

C Account Type Qty Description

_ 60534625-5 L LEASE MANAGED 1.00 ACCOUNTING/PAYROLL DEPT

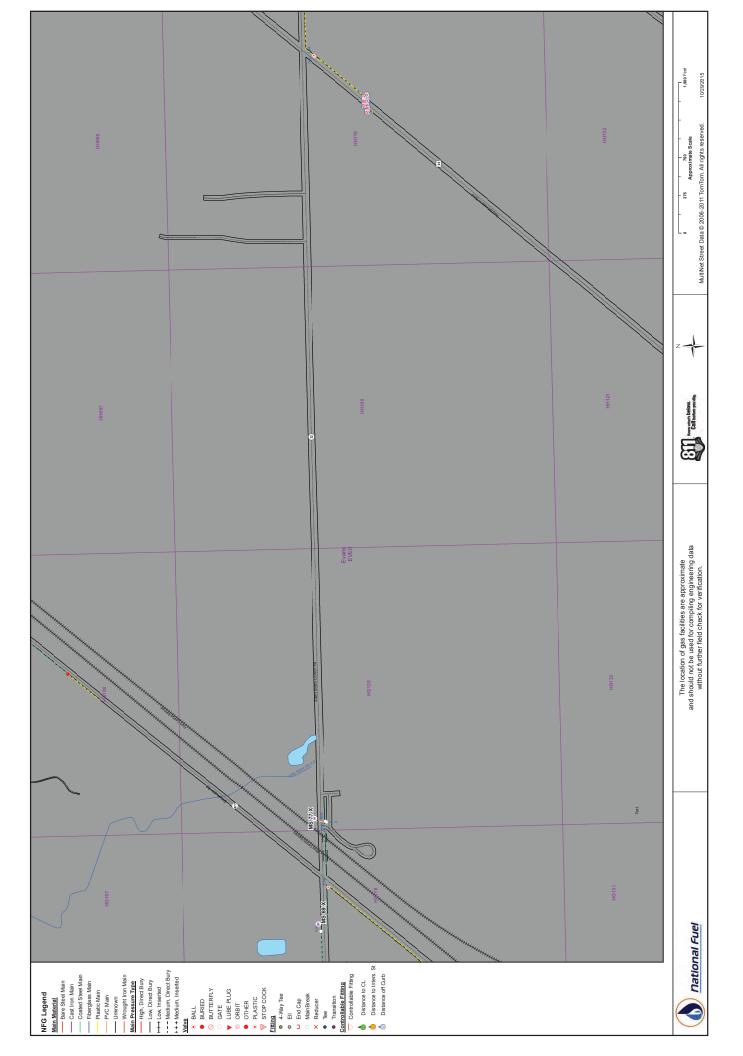
C: I=Account Inquiry

ENTER=Continue F3=Exit F5=Redisplay F6=Maintenance F24=More Keys

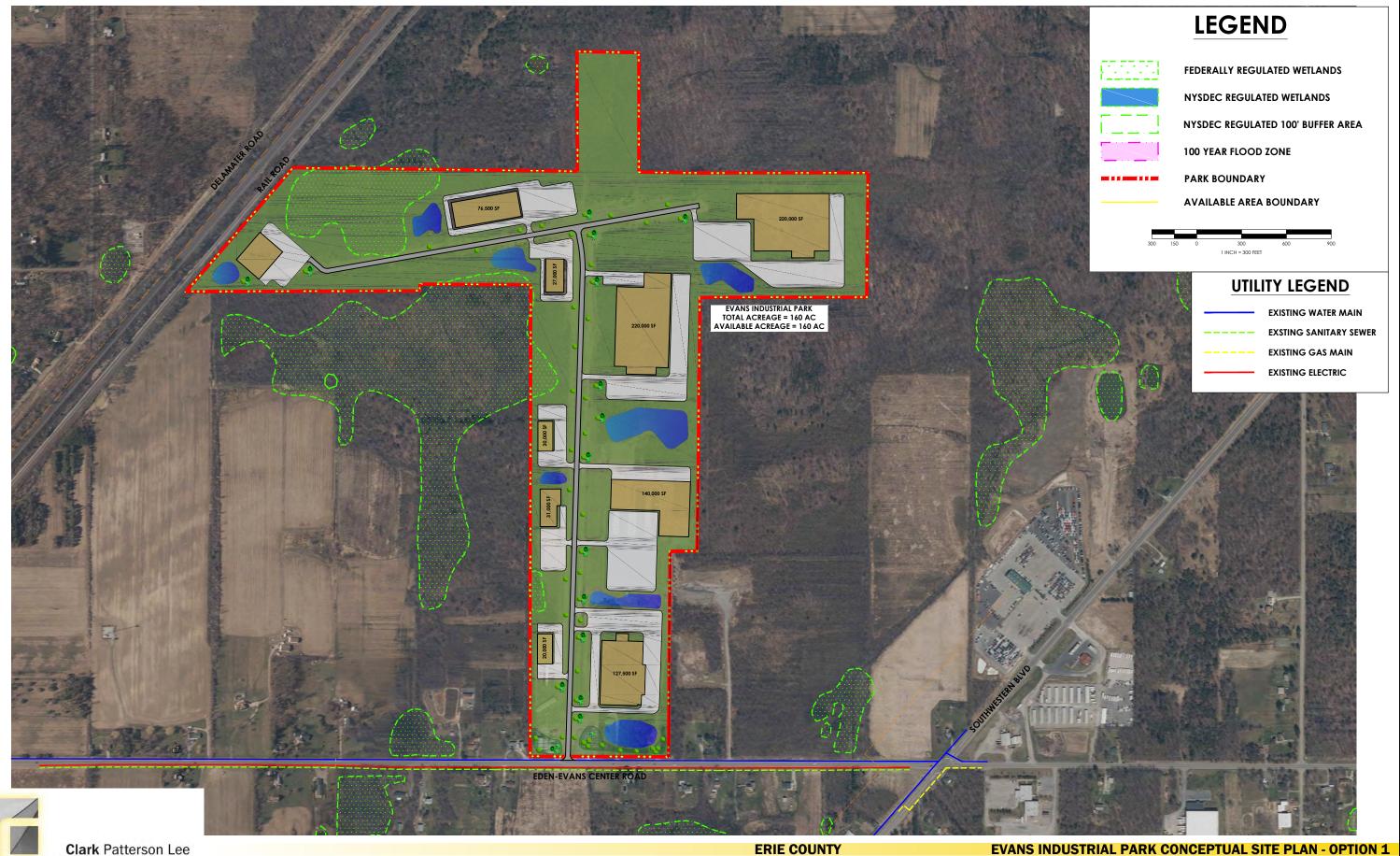


SULLIVAN-MCKEEGAN CO., INC., BUFFALC NO. 19 1153 HERCULENE 50-3-70

15-143



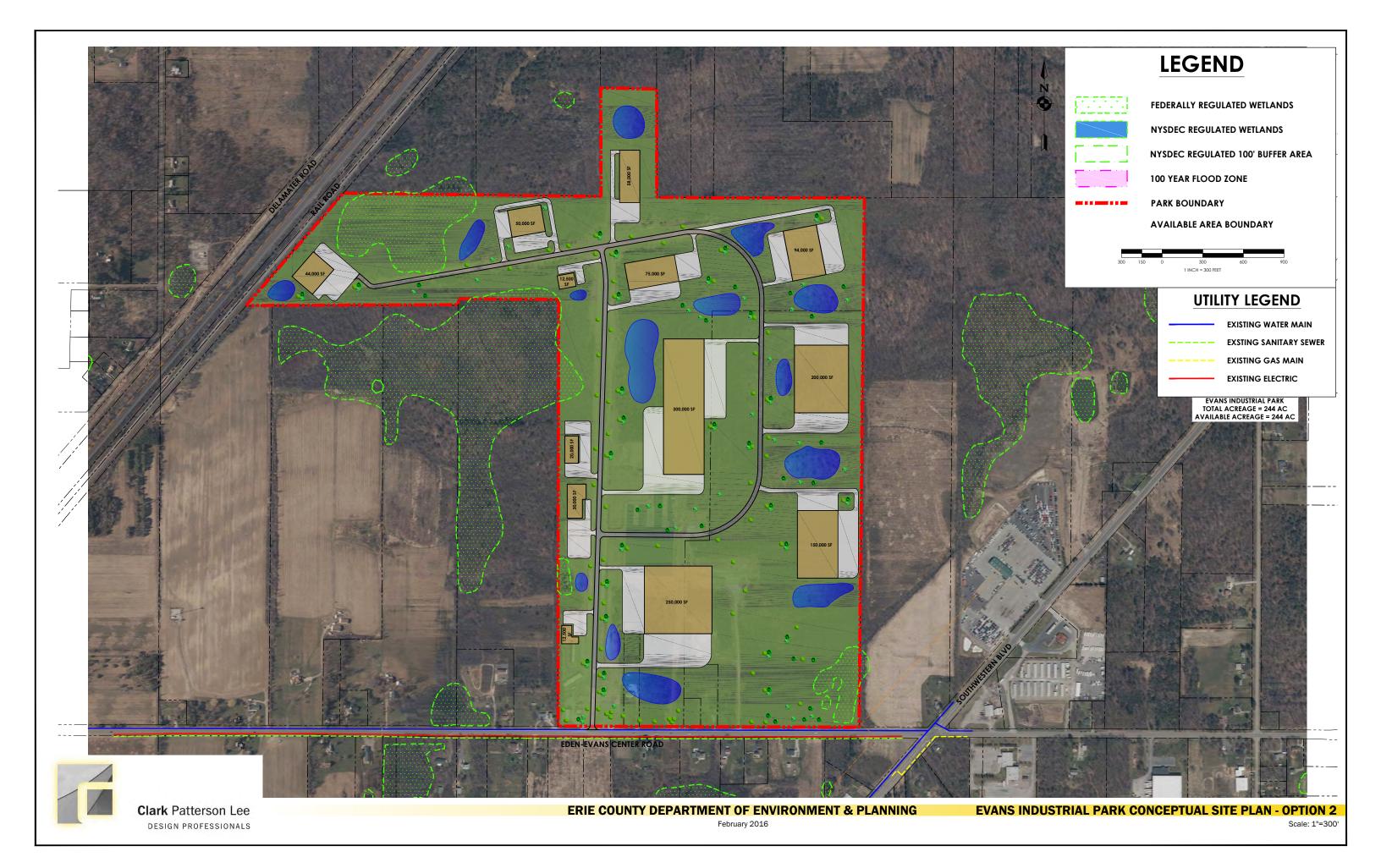
Section 5: Conceptual Site Plans



February 2016

Clark Patterson Lee DESIGN PROFESSIONALS

Scale: 1"=300'





ERIE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING AGRIBUSINESS FEASIBILITY EVANS INDUSTRIAL PARK MARCH 2016

Concept Option #1

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED QUANTITY	UNIT	EST	IMATED UNIT	тот	AL ESTIMATED COST
	On-Site Infrastructure Improver	nents					
1	General Site Grading	1	LS	\$	150,000.00	\$	150,000
2	Roadway Improvements ¹	6,300	LF	\$	150.00	\$	945,000
3	Roadway Construction ²	350	LF	\$	275.00	\$	96,250
4	Furnish and Install New 12" PVC Water Main	7,300	LF	\$	70.00	\$	511,000
5	Furnish and Install New 12"SDR-21 PVC Gravity Sanitary Sewer Main	6,300	LF	\$	125.00	\$	787,500
6	Electric + Transmission line planning/engineering, right of way/easement acquisition (By Utility)	6,300	LF	\$	50.00	\$	315,000
7	Natural Gas Main planning/engineering, right of way/easement acquisition (by Utility)	6,300	LF	\$	50.00	\$	315,000
8	Telephone and Communications (By Utility)	6,300	LF	\$	30.00	\$	189,000
On-Site Infrastructure Subtotal =						\$	3,308,750
	Fire Protection Improvemen	ts					
9	Furnish and Install Ground Mounted Water Storage Tank	1	LS	\$	1,000,000.00	\$	1,000,000
10	Furnish and Install Fire Flow Pump	1	LS	\$	250,000.00	\$	250,000
Fire Protection Improvements Subtotal =						\$	1,250,000
ESTIMATED SUBTOTAL =						\$	4,558,750
CONTINGENCY (10%) =						\$	455,875
LEGAL, ENGINEERING & ADMINISTRATION (25%) =					\$	1,139,688	
ESTIMATED TOTAL CAPITAL COST =					\$	6,154,000	

Notes:

- 1. The existing runway is assumed to be in adequate condition to accept truck traffic. Roadway Improvements consist of storm, center median, striping, extension to Evans Center Road, etc.
- 2. Roadway Construction includes runway extension to Evans Center Road.

ERIE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING AGRIBUSINESS FEASIBILITY EVANS INDUSTRIAL PARK MARCH 2016

Concept Option #2

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED QUANTITY	UNIT	EST	IMATED UNIT	тот	AL ESTIMATED COST
	On-Site Infrastructure Improven	nents					
1	General Site Grading	1	LS	\$	250,000.00	\$	250,000
2	Roadway Improvements ¹	6,300	LF	\$	150.00	\$	945,000
3	Roadway Construction ²	3,950	LF	\$	275.00	\$	1,086,250
4	Furnish and Install New 12" PVC Water Main	9,700	LF	\$	70.00	\$	679,000
5	Furnish and Install New 12"SDR-21 PVC Gravity Sanitary Sewer Main	9,700	LF	\$	125.00	\$	1,212,500
6	Electric + Transmission line planning/engineering, right of way/easement acquisition (By Utility)	9,700	LF	\$	50.00	\$	485,000
7	Natural Gas Main planning/engineering, right of way/easement acquisition (by Utility)	9,700	LF	\$	50.00	\$	485,000
8	Telephone and Communications (By Utility)	9,700	LF	\$	30.00	\$	291,000
On-Site Infrastructure Subtotal =						\$	5,433,750
	Fire Protection Improvement	ts					
9	Furnish and Install Ground Mounted Water Storage Tank ²	1	LS	\$	1,000,000.00	\$	1,000,000
10	Furnish and Install Fire Flow Pump ³	1	LS	\$	250,000.00	\$	250,000
Fire Protection Improvements Subtotal =					\$	1,250,000	
ESTIMATED SUBTOTAL =					\$	6,683,750	
CONTINGENCY (10%) =					\$	668,375	
LEGAL, ENGINEERING & ADMINISTRATION (25%) =						1,670,938	
ESTIMATED TOTAL CAPITAL COST =					\$	9,023,000	

Notes:

- 1. The existing runway is assumed to be in adequate condition to accept truck traffic. Roadway Improvements consist of storm, center median, striping, new top course asphalt, etc.
- 2. Roadway Construction includes runway extension to Evans Center Road and the proposed loop.

Section 7: Per Acre Cost Analysis

EVANS INDUSTRIAL PARK - COST PER ACRE ANALYSIS MARCH 2016

Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS)

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED	UNIT	EST	MATED UNIT	ESTIMATED TOTAL	
IILIVI		QUANTITY	ONII		COST		COST
1	GEIS	1	EA	\$	300,000.00	\$	300,000
				To	tal GEIS Cost:	\$	300,000

Infrastructure Construction and Land Acquisition

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED QUANTITY	UNIT	EST	IMATED UNIT COST	ESTI	MATED TOTAL COST
2	Roadway and Utilities	1	EA	\$	4,558,750	\$	4,558,750
	Infrastructure Construction Subtotal					\$	4,558,750
3	Construction Contingency	10	%	\$	-	\$	455,875
4	Legal, Administration, Engineering	25	%	\$	-	\$	1,139,688
	Infrastructure Construction Total					\$	6,155,000
5	Land Acquisition (County Purchase)	158.00	acres	\$	7,500.00	\$	1,185,000
			Total I	nfras	tructure Cost:	\$	7,340,000

Total Estimated Project Cost:	\$ 7,640,000
Total Acreage:	158.00
Price Per Acre (County cost):	\$ 49,000

Less Anticipated Grants:

Potential Grant (TBD - example only)

\$ (2,000,000) \$ (2,000,000) 158.00

(12,658)

Net reduction per acre: \$

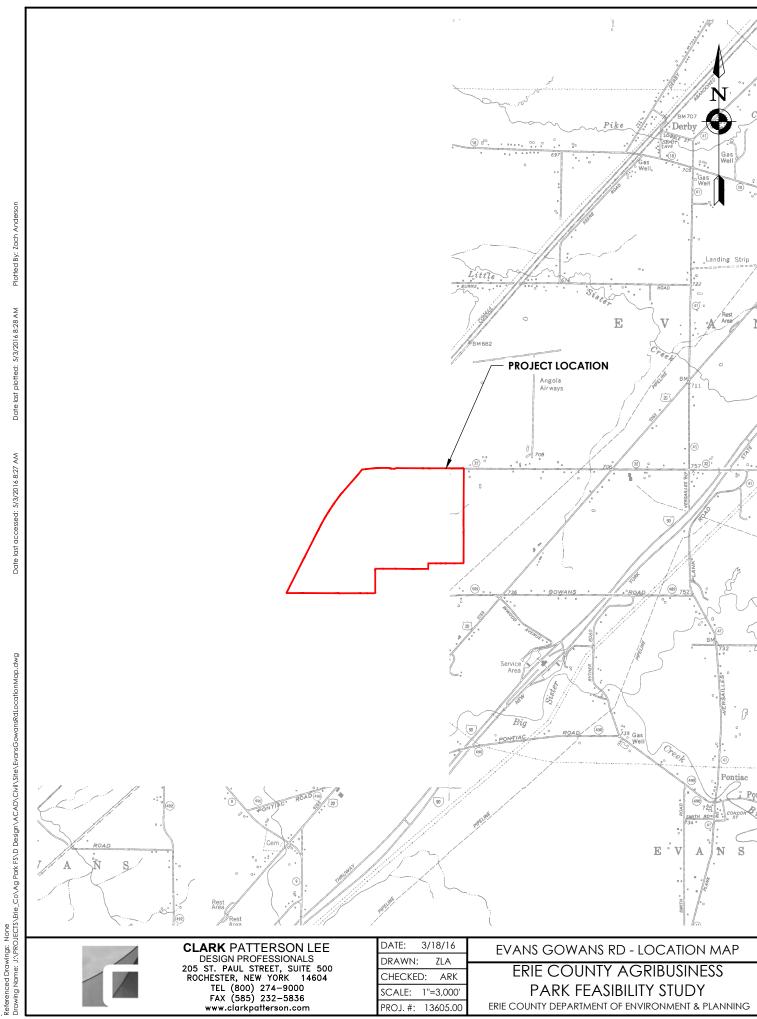
Note: Gas and electric costs have been included in the total cost per acre for simplicity. Cost sharing options may be available depending on the utility and businesses within the Park.

Appendix K

Evans Gowans Road Site Preferred Site Analysis

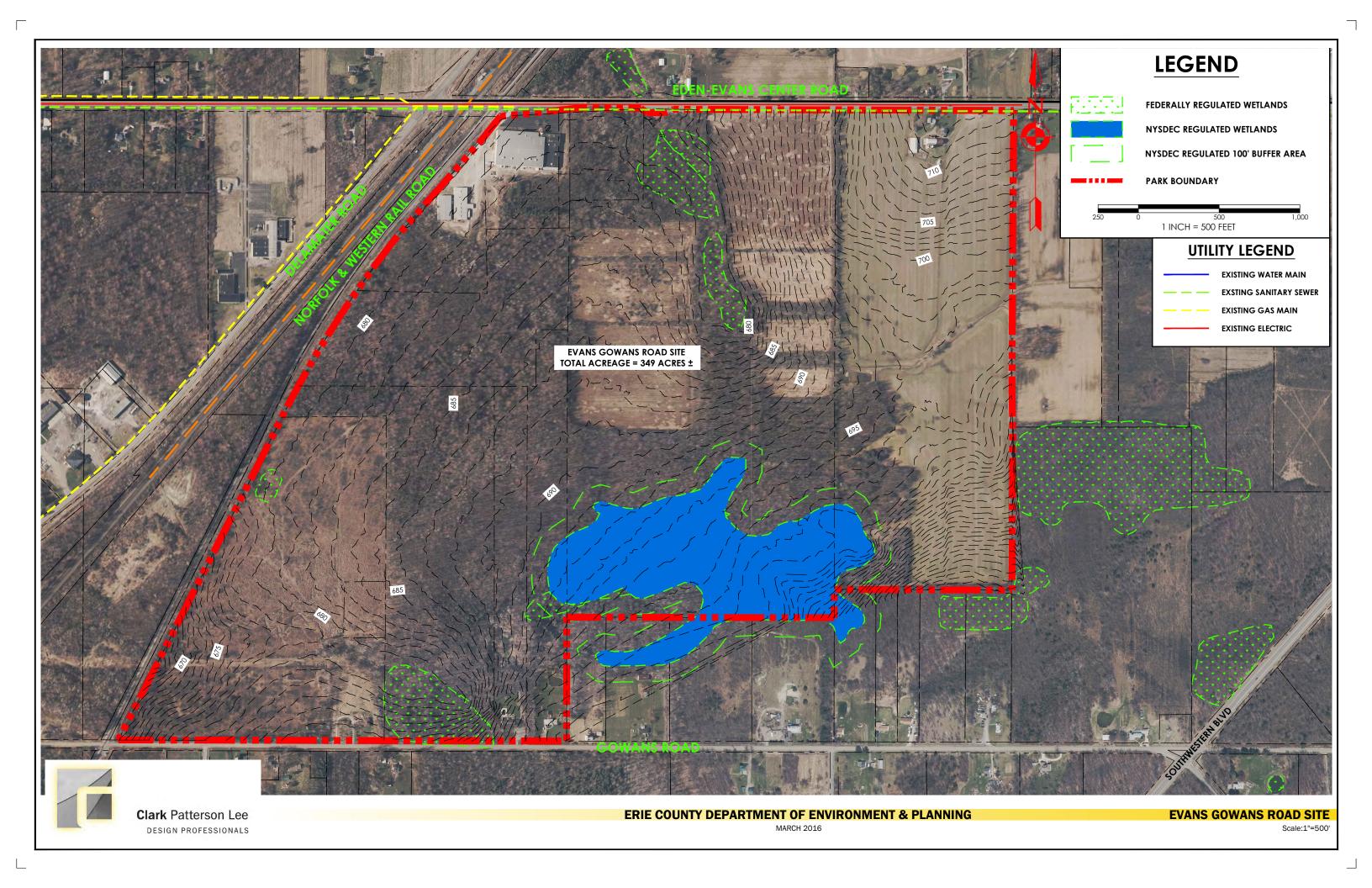
- Section 1: Location Map, Existing Site Plan
- Section 2: Zoning Map
- Section 3: Environmental Review Maps
- Section 4: Utility Record Mapping
- Section 5: Conceptual Site Plans
- Section 6: Cost Estimates
- Section 7: Per Acre Cost Analysis

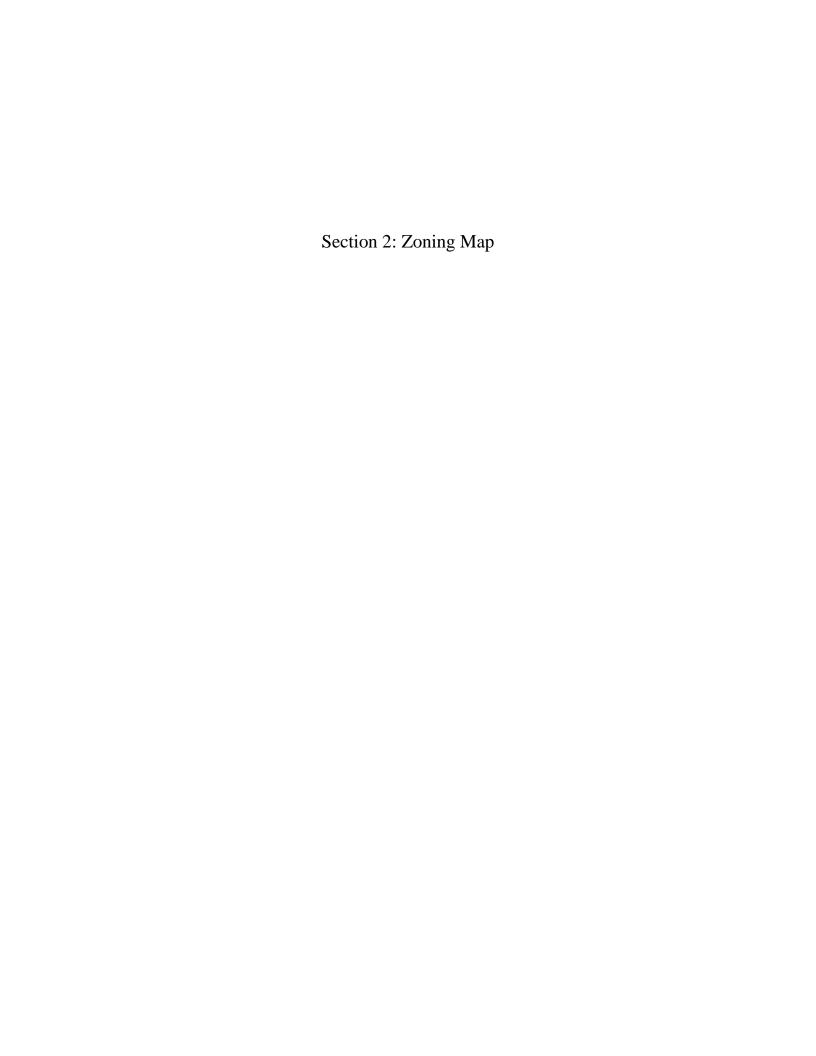
Section 1: Location Map and Existing Site Plan

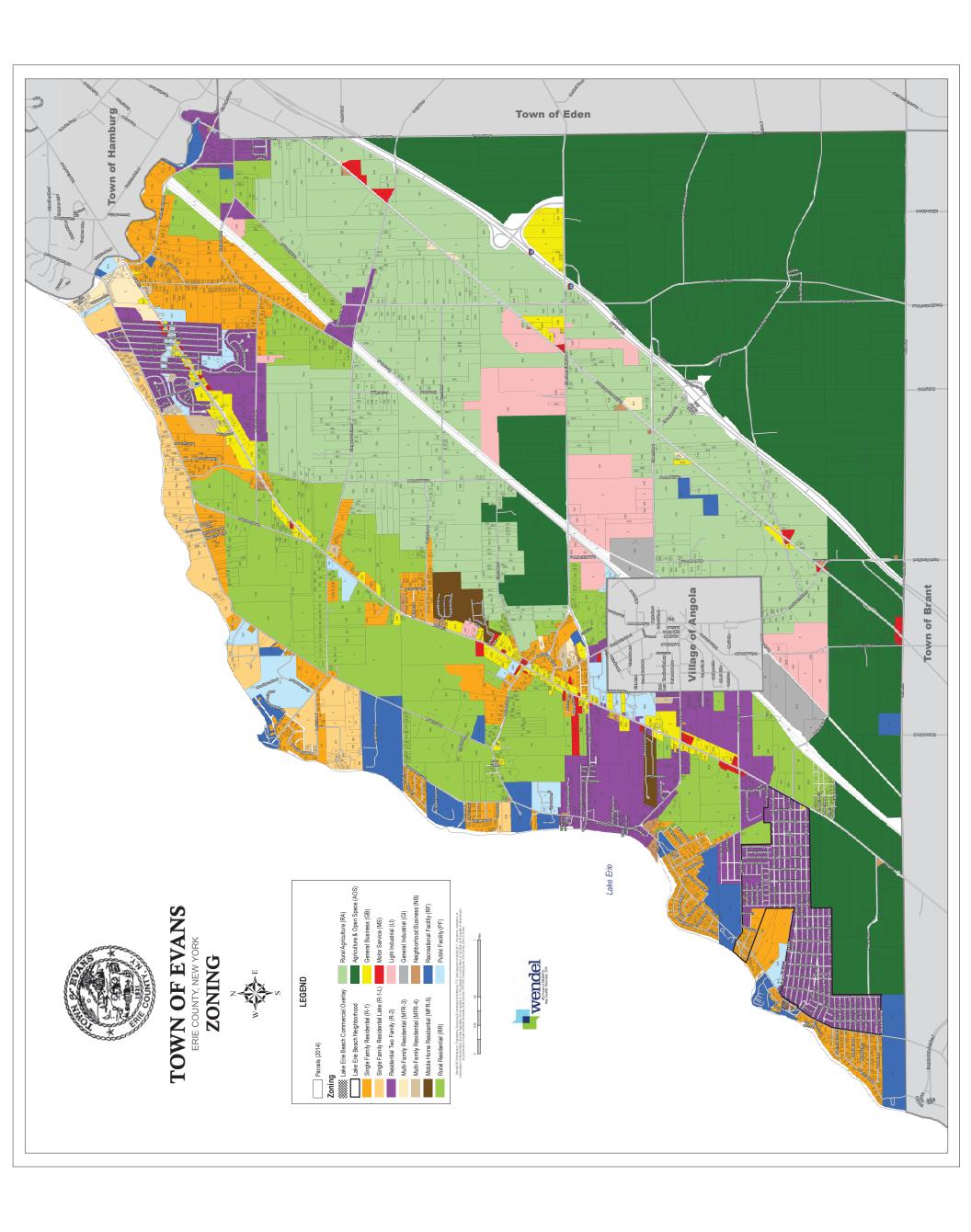


PROJ. #: 13605.00

ERIE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING





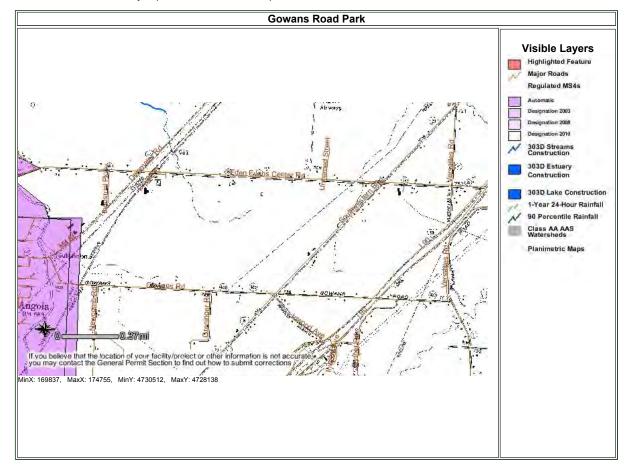


Section 3: Environmental Review Maps

Map Output Page 1 of 1

[print page] [close window]

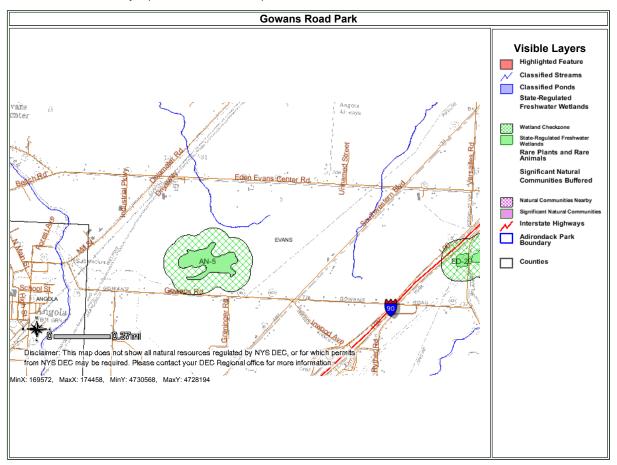
Please set your printer orientation to "Landscape".



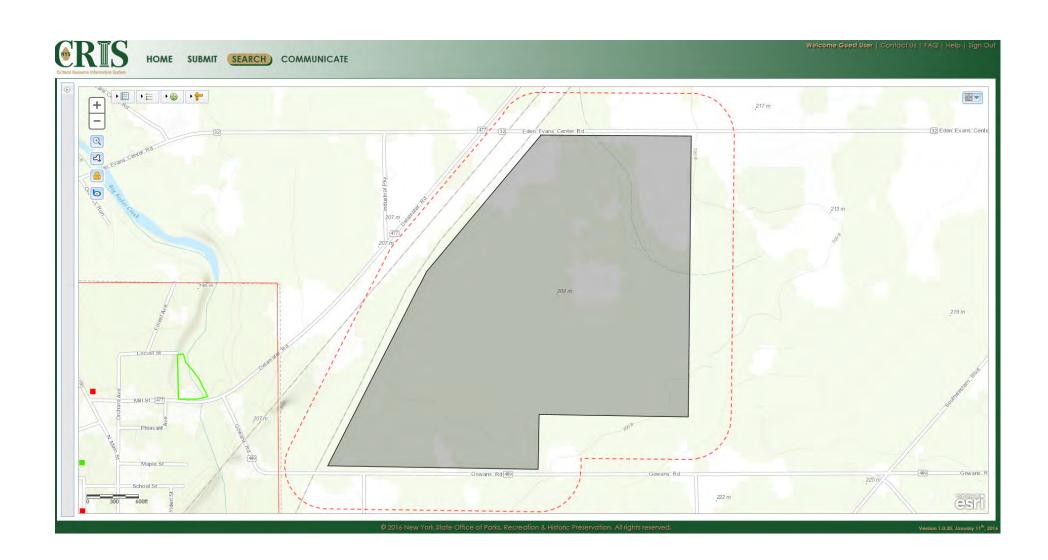
Map Output Page 1 of 1

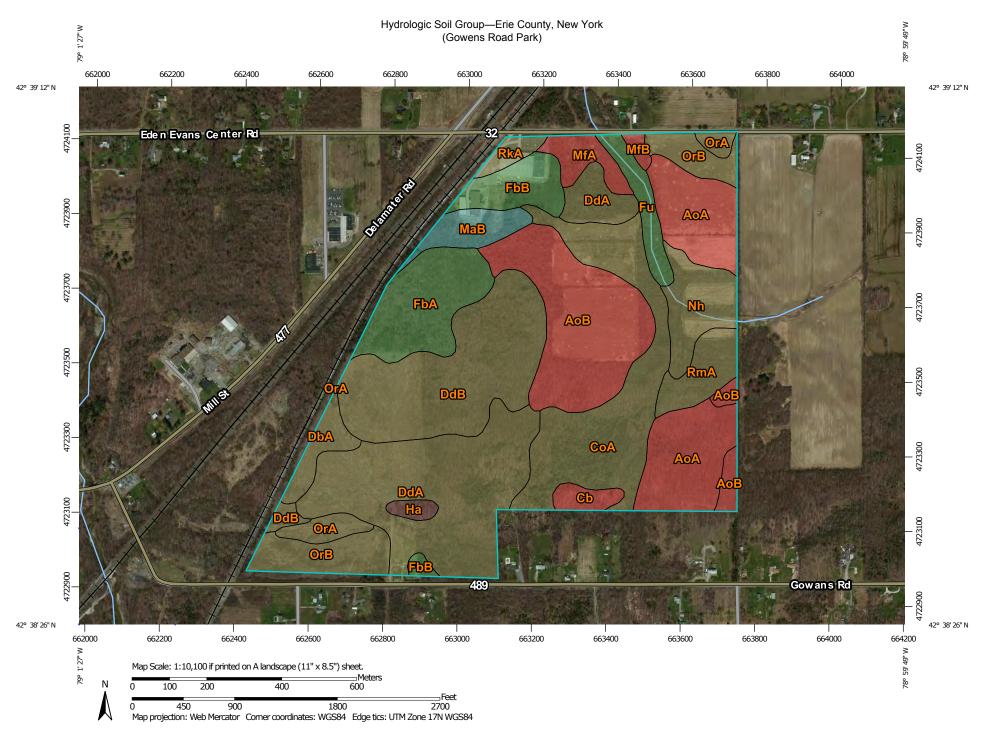
[print page] [close window

Please set your printer orientation to "Landscape".



Disclaimer:This map was prepared by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation using the most current data available. It is deemed accurate but is not guaranteed. NYS DEC is not responsible for any inaccuracies in the data and does not necessarily endorse any interpretations or products derived from the data.





MAP LEGEND MAP INFORMATION The soil surveys that comprise your AOI were mapped at 1:15,800. Area of Interest (AOI) С Area of Interest (AOI) Please rely on the bar scale on each map sheet for map C/D measurements. Soils D Soil Rating Polygons Source of Map: Natural Resources Conservation Service Not rated or not available Α Web Soil Survey URL: http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov Coordinate System: Web Mercator (EPSG:3857) **Water Features** A/D Streams and Canals Maps from the Web Soil Survey are based on the Web Mercator В projection, which preserves direction and shape but distorts Transportation distance and area. A projection that preserves area, such as the B/D ---Rails Albers equal-area conic projection, should be used if more accurate Interstate Highways calculations of distance or area are required. C/D **US Routes** This product is generated from the USDA-NRCS certified data as of D the version date(s) listed below. Major Roads Not rated or not available Soil Survey Area: Erie County, New York Local Roads Survey Area Data: Version 14, Sep 23, 2015 Soil Rating Lines Background Soil map units are labeled (as space allows) for map scales 1:50,000 Aerial Photography or larger. A/D Date(s) aerial images were photographed: Data not available. The orthophoto or other base map on which the soil lines were compiled and digitized probably differs from the background imagery displayed on these maps. As a result, some minor shifting of map unit boundaries may be evident. C/D Not rated or not available Soil Rating Points Α A/D В B/D

Hydrologic Soil Group

Map unit symbol	Map unit name	Rating	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI		
AoA	Angola silt loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	D	28.0	10.4%		
АоВ	Angola silt loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	D	33.0	12.3%		
Cb	Canadice silt loam, channery till substratum	D	2.7	1.0%		
CoA	Churchville silt loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	C/D	32.5	12.1%		
DbA	Darien silt loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	C/D	4.6	1.7%		
DdA	Derb silt loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	C/D	46.6	17.3%		
DdB	Derb silt loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	C/D	37.7	14.0%		
FbA	Farnham channery silt loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	A/D	17.4	6.5%		
FbB	Farnham channery silt loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	A/D	9.0	3.3%		
Fu	Fluvaquents and Udifluvents, frequently flooded	A/D	5.6	2.1%		
На	Halsey silt loam	B/D	1.5	0.6%		
МаВ	Manlius channery silt loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	С	6.0	2.2%		
MfA	Marilla channery silt loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	D	4.8	1.8%		
MfB	Marilla channery silt loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	D	1.0	0.4%		
Nh	Niagara silt loam, till substratum	C/D	10.3	3.8%		
OrA	Orpark silt loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	C/D	4.6	1.7%		
OrB	Orpark silt loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes	C/D	13.8	5.1%		
RkA	Rhinebeck gravelly loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	C/D	2.4	0.9%		

Hydrologic Soil Group— Summary by Map Unit — Erie County, New York (NY029)						
Map unit symbol	Map unit name	Rating	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI		
RmA	Rhinebeck silty clay loam, stratified substratum, 0 to 3 percentslopes	C/D	7.1	2.6%		
Totals for Area of Inter	est	268.7	100.0%			

Description

Hydrologic soil groups are based on estimates of runoff potential. Soils are assigned to one of four groups according to the rate of water infiltration when the soils are not protected by vegetation, are thoroughly wet, and receive precipitation from long-duration storms.

The soils in the United States are assigned to four groups (A, B, C, and D) and three dual classes (A/D, B/D, and C/D). The groups are defined as follows:

Group A. Soils having a high infiltration rate (low runoff potential) when thoroughly wet. These consist mainly of deep, well drained to excessively drained sands or gravelly sands. These soils have a high rate of water transmission.

Group B. Soils having a moderate infiltration rate when thoroughly wet. These consist chiefly of moderately deep or deep, moderately well drained or well drained soils that have moderately fine texture to moderately coarse texture. These soils have a moderate rate of water transmission.

Group C. Soils having a slow infiltration rate when thoroughly wet. These consist chiefly of soils having a layer that impedes the downward movement of water or soils of moderately fine texture or fine texture. These soils have a slow rate of water transmission.

Group D. Soils having a very slow infiltration rate (high runoff potential) when thoroughly wet. These consist chiefly of clays that have a high shrink-swell potential, soils that have a high water table, soils that have a claypan or clay layer at or near the surface, and soils that are shallow over nearly impervious material. These soils have a very slow rate of water transmission.

If a soil is assigned to a dual hydrologic group (A/D, B/D, or C/D), the first letter is for drained areas and the second is for undrained areas. Only the soils that in their natural condition are in group D are assigned to dual classes.

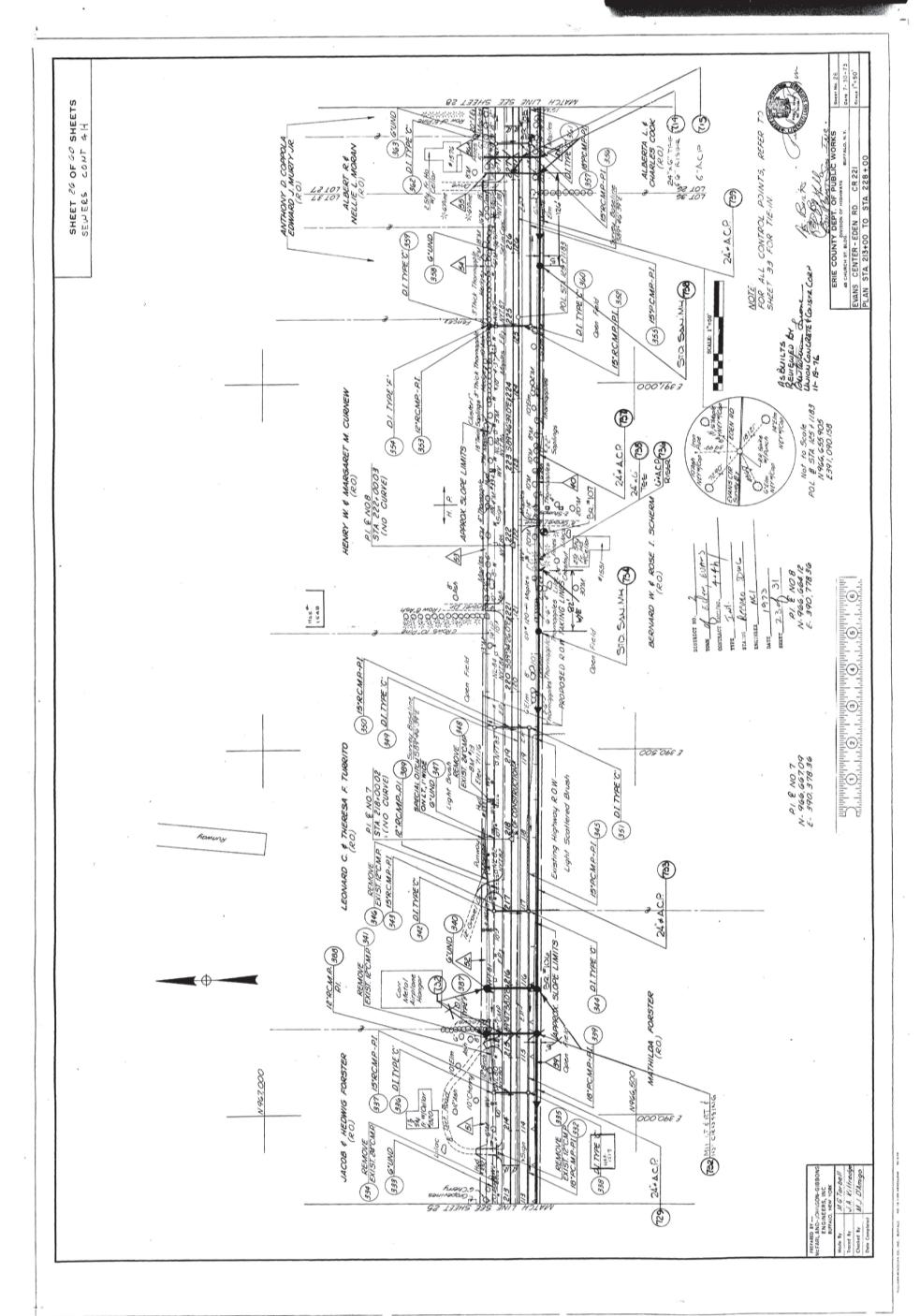
Rating Options

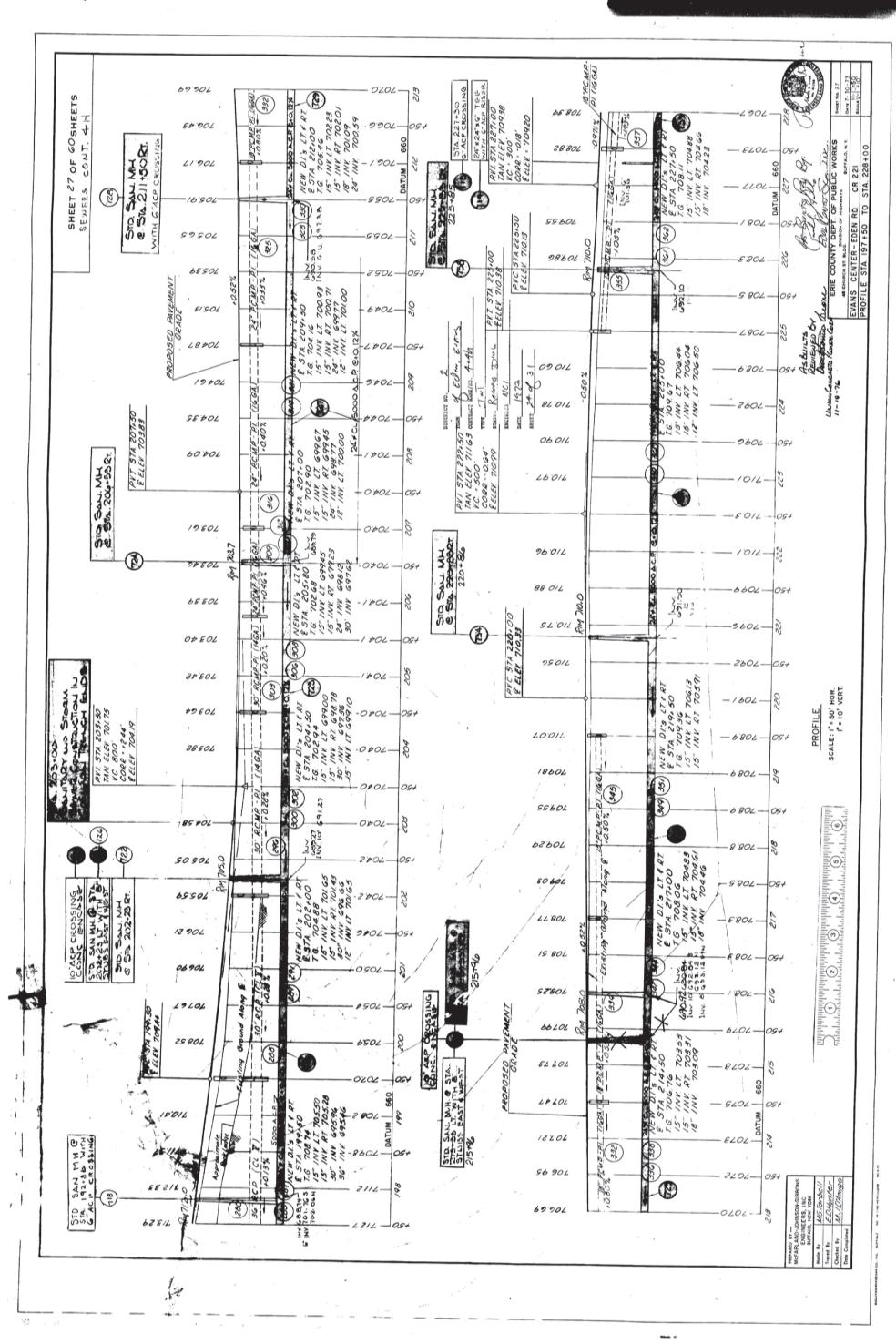
Aggregation Method: Dominant Condition

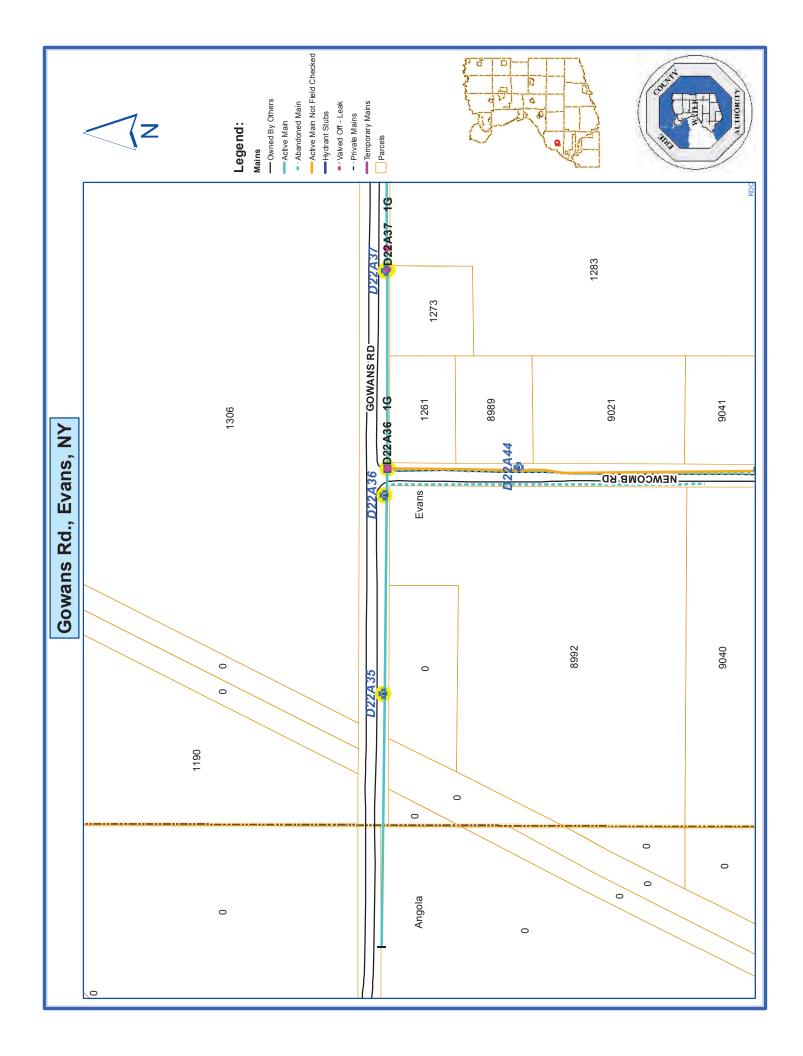
Component Percent Cutoff: None Specified

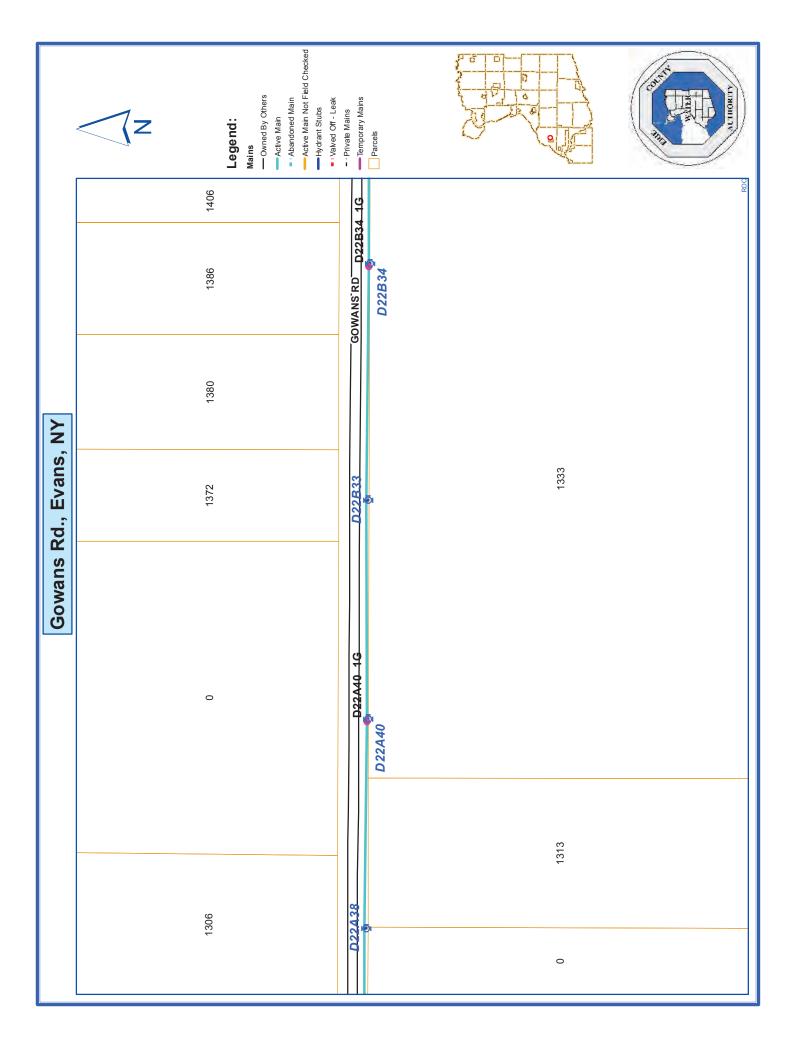
Tie-break Rule: Higher

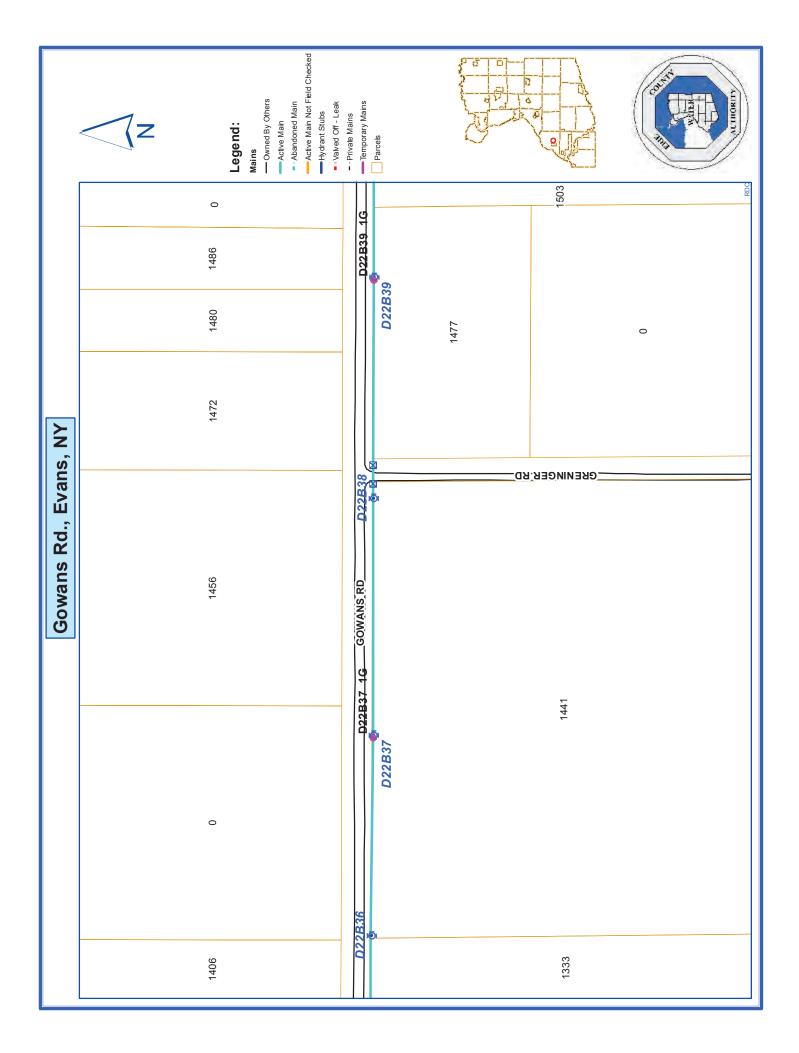
Section 4: Utility Record Mapping

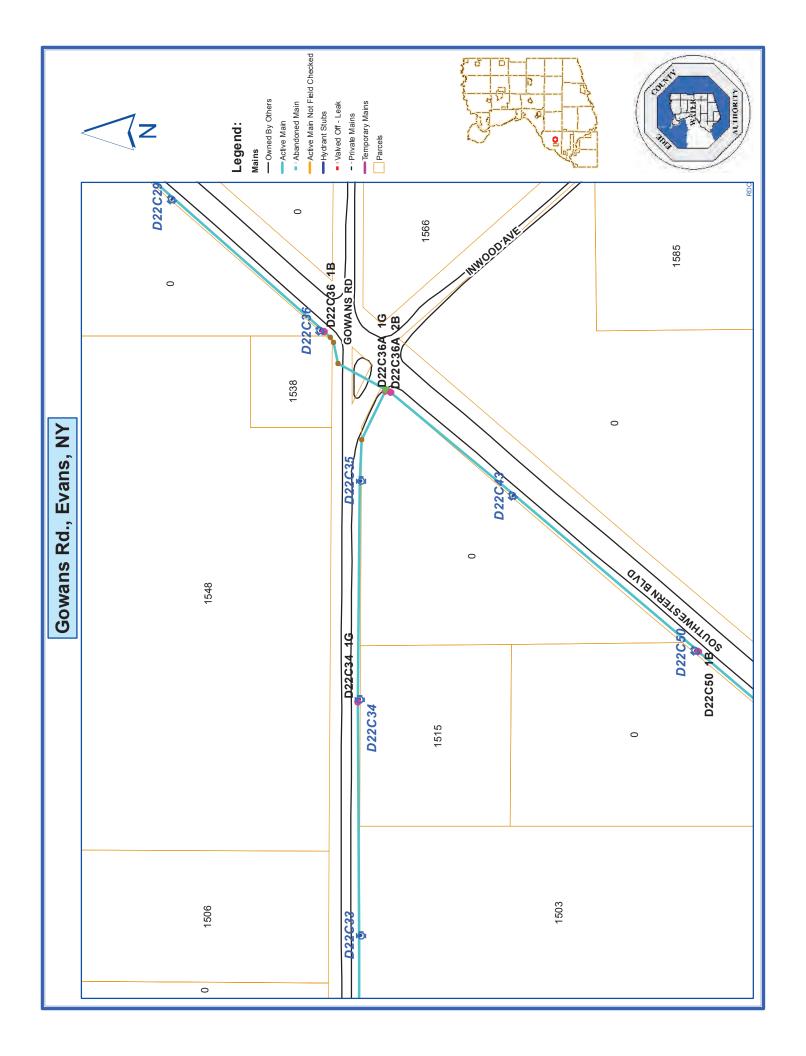














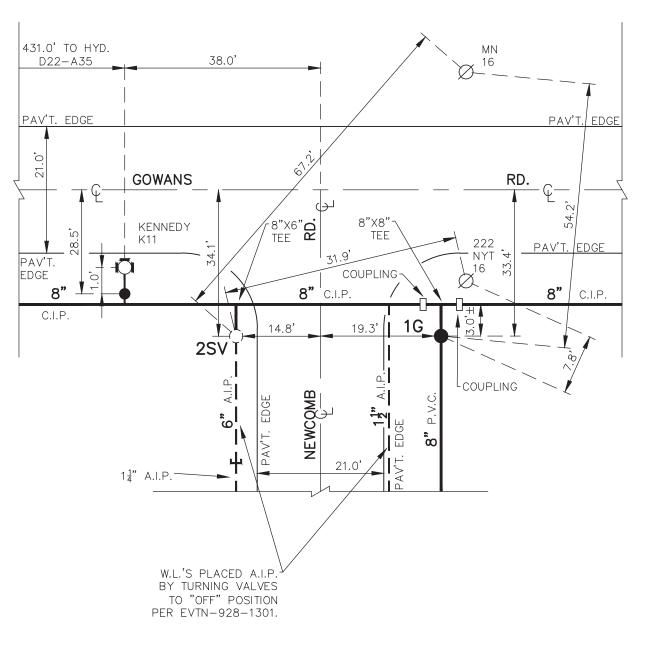
REVISED RDC	REVISED DR.
_{DATE:} 3/30/2016	DATE:
FIELD	OFFICE

TOWN OF EVANS
W.D. 5

D22-A36
DETAIL SHT. NO.
201300063
CURRENT PROJECT NO.

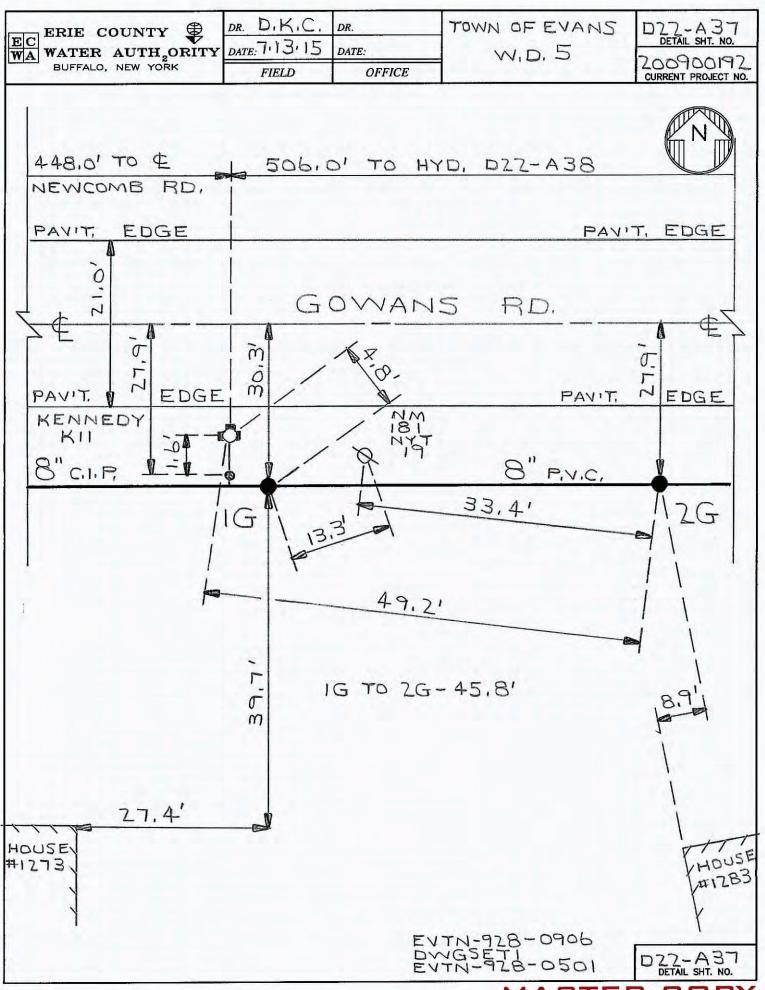


1G TO 2SV = 34.1' 1G TO HYD. = 58.2' 2SV TO HYD. = 24.7'



NOTE: DETAIL DRAWN ON CAD SYSTEM. ± DIMENSIONS FROM AS—BUILTS, NOT FIELD CHECKED. EVTN-928-1301 DWG.SET 1(98) EVTN-928-0501

D22-A36 DETAIL SHT. NO.



MASTER COPY

Hydrant Inquiry Routine RDC CHI020-B Hydrant Grid No: D22 - A36

Address.: GOWANS RD
Location: 2ND HYD SE/O MILL ST

Hydrant X No.:
St Side: S

Town Code..: EVT

Town Code..: EVTN EVANS

Field Bk/Pg:

Water Dst: 345 EVANS WD #5 Dead End...: N

Fire Dist: 44020 ANGOLA FIRE PROTECTION

Valve Loc: 1.0' S/O HYD

29.9' S/O CL OF GOWANS RD

Make Code: 62 KENNEDY STANDARD K11 Drain Plugged: Y Main Type: CI

Main Size: 08 Branch Size: 06 Steamer: Size: 4.5 No: 1 Hose: Size: 2.5 No: 2

Comments.:

Pressure.: 65 lbs Date: 4/27/2015 Flow: gpm Date:

gpm Grease: 6/06/2014

70 lbs 6/06/2014 gpm

Cur EC No: Replaced: 0 Instl Dt: Grease:
Pri EC No: Turn On: Paint Dt: 6/27/2014 Thawed:
Billing Info: ECHD Approval Cmp Work Date:

C Account Type Oty Description

_ 60534625-5 L LEASE MANAGED 1.00 ACCOUNTING/PAYROLL DEPT

C: I=Account Inquiry

ENTER=Continue F3=Exit F5=Redisplay F6=Maintenance F24=More Keys

Hydrant Inquiry Routine RDC CHI020-B Hydrant Grid No: D22 - A37

Address: 1273 GOWANS RD

Location: 1ST HYD E/O NEWCOMB RD

Hydrant X No::
St Side: S

Town Code.: EVT

Town Code..: EVTN EVANS

Field Bk/Pg:

Water Dst: 345 EVANS WD #5 Dead End...: Y

Fire Dist: 44020 ANGOLA FIRE PROTECTION

Valve Loc: 1.6' S/O HYD

27.9' S/O CL OF GOWANS RD

Make Code: 62 KENNEDY STANDARD K11 Drain Plugged: N Main Type: CI

Main Size: 08 Branch Size: 06 Steamer: Size: 4.5 No: 1 Hose: Size: 2.5 No: 2

Comments.:

Pressure.: 65 lbs Date: 4/27/2015 Flow: gpm Date:

gpm Grease: 6/06/2014

70 lbs 6/06/2014 gpm

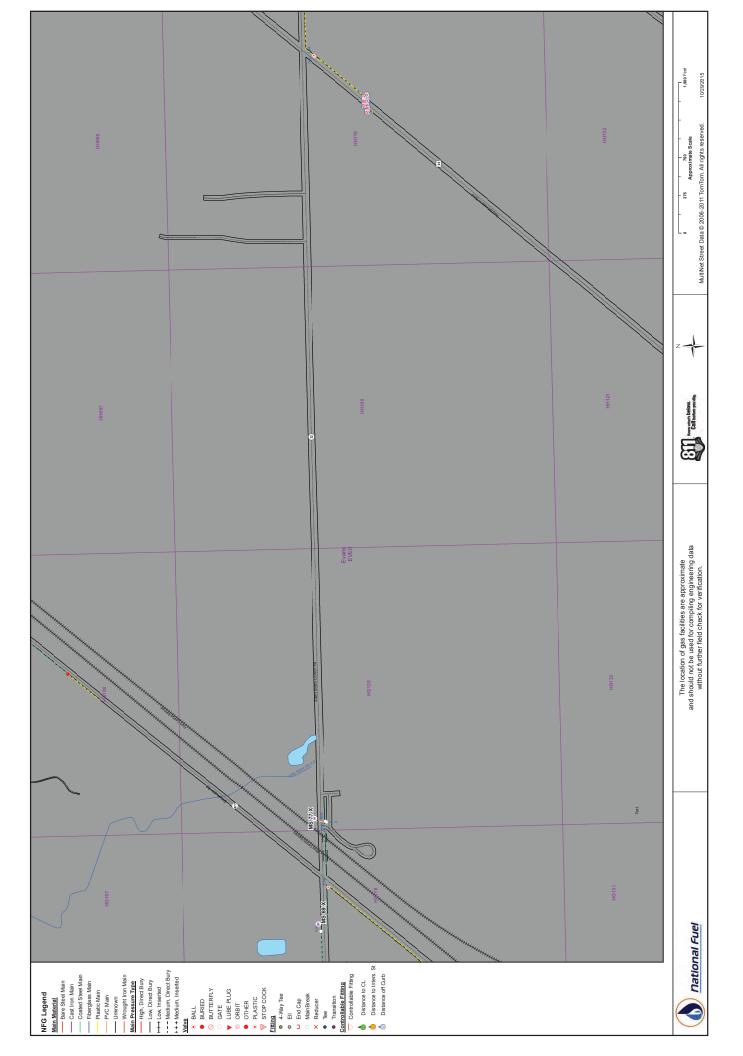
Cur EC No: Replaced: 0 Instl Dt: Grease:
Pri EC No: Turn On: Paint Dt: 6/27/2014 Thawed:
Billing Info: ECHD Approval Cmp Work Date:

C Account Type Oty Description

_ 60534625-5 L LEASE MANAGED 1.00 ACCOUNTING/PAYROLL DEPT

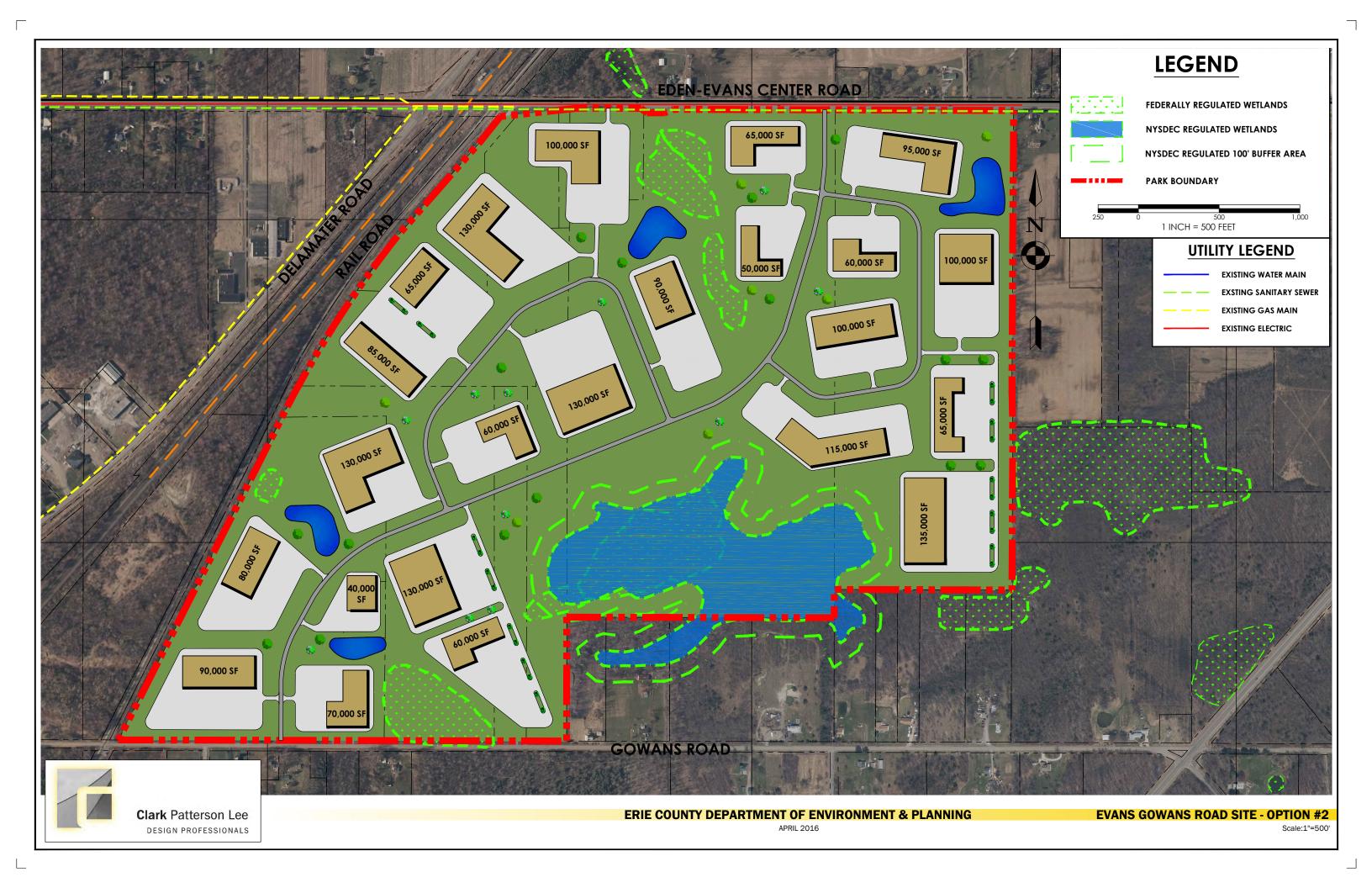
C: I=Account Inquiry

ENTER=Continue F3=Exit F5=Redisplay F6=Maintenance F24=More Keys



Section 5: Conceptual Site Plans







ERIE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING AGRIBUSINESS FEASIBILITY EVANS - GOWANS ROAD PARK

VANS - GOWANS ROAD PAF APRIL 2016

Concept Option #1

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED QUANTITY	UNIT	EST	IMATED UNIT COST	тот	AL ESTIMATED COST
	On-Site Infrastructure Improver	nents					
1	General Site Grading	1	LS	\$	150,000.00	\$	150,000
2	Roadway Construction	9,100	LF	\$	275.00	\$	2,502,500
3	Furnish and Install New 12" PVC Water Main	9,100	LF	\$	70.00	\$	637,000
4	Furnish and Install New 12"SDR-21 PVC Gravity Sanitary Sewer Main	9,100	LF	\$	125.00	\$	1,137,500
5	Electric + Transmission line planning/engineering, right of way/easement acquisition (By Utility)	9,100	LF	\$	50.00	\$	455,000
6	Natural Gas Main planning/engineering, right of way/easement acquisition (by Utility)	9,100	LF	\$	50.00	\$	455,000
7	Telephone and Communications (By Utility)	9,100	LF	\$	30.00	\$	273,000
On-Site Infrastructure Subtotal =					\$	5,610,000	
ESTIMATED SUBTOTAL =					\$	5,610,000	
CONTINGENCY (10%) =					\$	561,000	
LEGAL, ENGINEERING & ADMINISTRATION (25%) =					\$	1,402,500	
ESTIMATED TOTAL CAPITAL COST =					\$	7,574,000	

ERIE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING AGRIBUSINESS FEASIBILITY EVANS COMMANS BOAD DARK

EVANS - GOWANS ROAD PARK APRIL 2016

Concept Option #2

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED QUANTITY	UNIT	EST	IMATED UNIT	тот	AL ESTIMATED COST
	On-Site Infrastructure Improver	nents					
1	General Site Grading	1	LS	\$	150,000.00	\$	150,000
2	Roadway Construction	11,300	LF	\$	275.00	\$	3,107,500
3	Furnish and Install New 12" PVC Water Main	11,300	LF	\$	70.00	\$	791,000
4	Furnish and Install New 12"SDR-21 PVC Gravity Sanitary Sewer Main	11,300	LF	\$	125.00	\$	1,412,500
5	Electric + Transmission line planning/engineering, right of way/easement acquisition (By Utility)	11,300	LF	\$	50.00	\$	565,000
6	Natural Gas Main planning/engineering, right of way/easement acquisition (by Utility)	11,300	LF	\$	50.00	\$	565,000
7	Telephone and Communications (By Utility)	11,300	LF	\$	30.00	\$	339,000
On-Site Infrastructure Subtotal =					\$	6,930,000	
ESTIMATED SUBTOTAL =					\$	6,930,000	
CONTINGENCY (10%) =					\$	693,000	
LEGAL, ENGINEERING & ADMINISTRATION (25%) =					\$	1,732,500	
ESTIMATED TOTAL CAPITAL COST =					\$	9,356,000	

Section 7: Per Acre Cost Analysis

EVANS GOWANS ROAD SITE - COST PER ACRE ANALYSIS APRIL 2016

Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS)

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED	UNIT	EST	MATED UNIT	ESTIMATED TOTAL		
11 [141		QUANTITY	ONT	COST		COST		
1	GEIS	1	EA	\$	300,000.00	\$	300,000	
				To	tal GEIS Cost:	\$	300,000	

Infrastructure Construction and Land Acquisition

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED	UNIT	EST	IMATED UNIT	ESTIMATED TOTAL	
		QUANTITY	0		COST	COST	
2	Roadway and Utilities	1	EA	\$	5,610,000	\$	5,610,000
	Infrastructure Construction Subtotal					\$	5,610,000
3	Construction Contingency	10	%	\$	-	\$	561,000
4	Legal, Administration, Engineering	25	%	\$	-	\$	1,402,500
	Infrastructure Construction Total					\$	7,574,000
5	Land Acquisition (County Purchase)	349.00	acres	\$	7,500.00	\$	2,617,500
	Total Infrastructure Cost:					\$	10,191,500

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$ 10,491,500

Total Acreage: 349.00

Price Per Acre (County cost): \$ 31,000

Less Anticipated Grants:

Potential Grant (TBD - example only) \$ (2,000,000)

\$ (2,000,000) 349.00 Net reduction per acre: \$ (5,731)

Note: Gas and electric costs have been included in the total cost per acre for simplicity. Cost sharing options may be available depending on the utility and businesses within the Park.

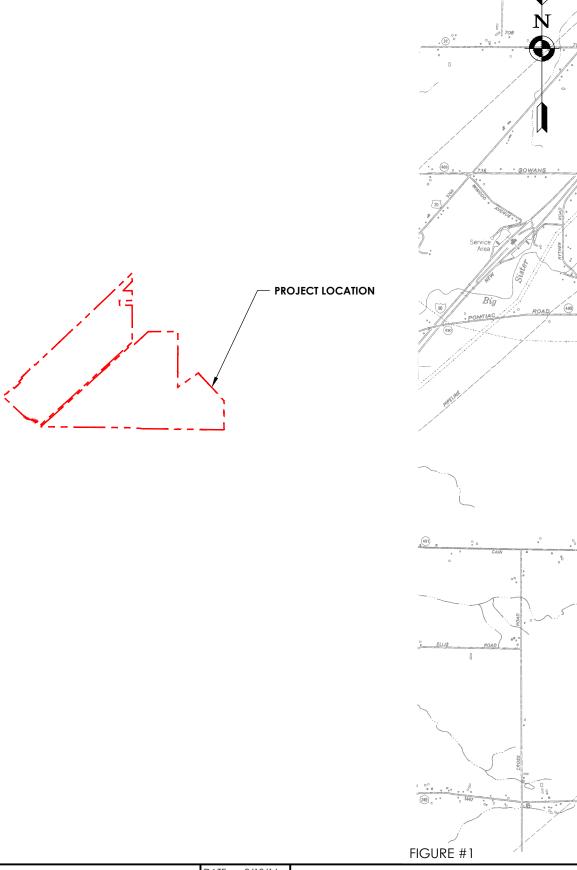
Appendix L

Angola Hardpan Road Preferred Site Analysis

- Section 1: Location Map, Existing Site Plan
- Section 2: Zoning Map
- Section 3: Environmental Review Maps
- Section 4: Utility Record Mapping
- Section 5: Conceptual Site Plans
- Section 6: Cost Estimates
- Section 7: Per Acre Cost Analysis

Section 1: Location Map and Existing Site Plan





CLARK PATTERSON LEE
DESIGN PROFESSIONALS
205 ST. PAUL STREET, SUITE 500
ROCHESTER, NEW YORK 14604
TEL (800) 274-9000
FAX (585) 232-5836
www.clarkpatterson.com

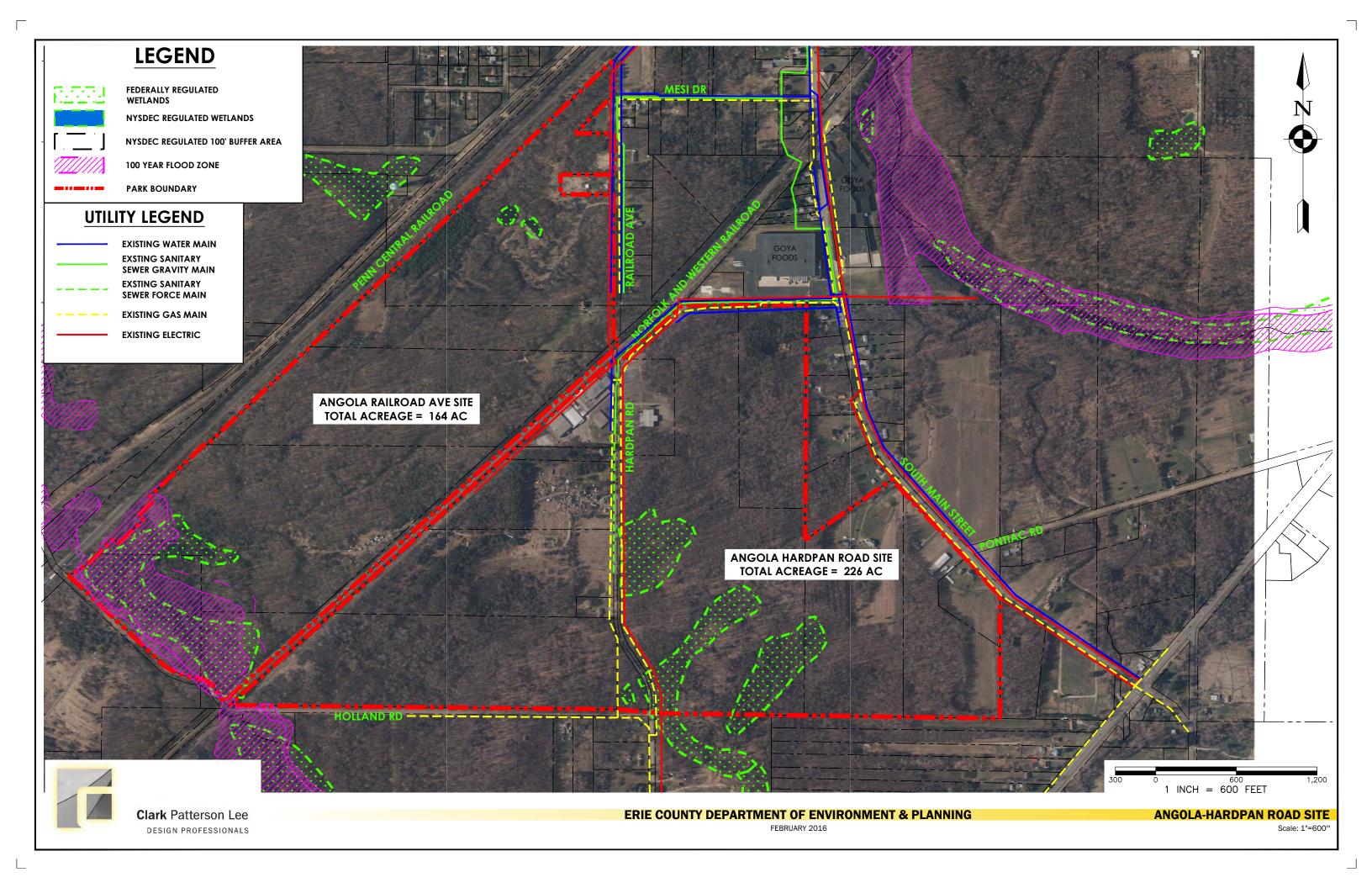
DATE:	3/18/16
DRAWN:	ZLA
CHECKE	D: ARK
SCALE:	1"=3,000'
PROJ. #:	13605.00

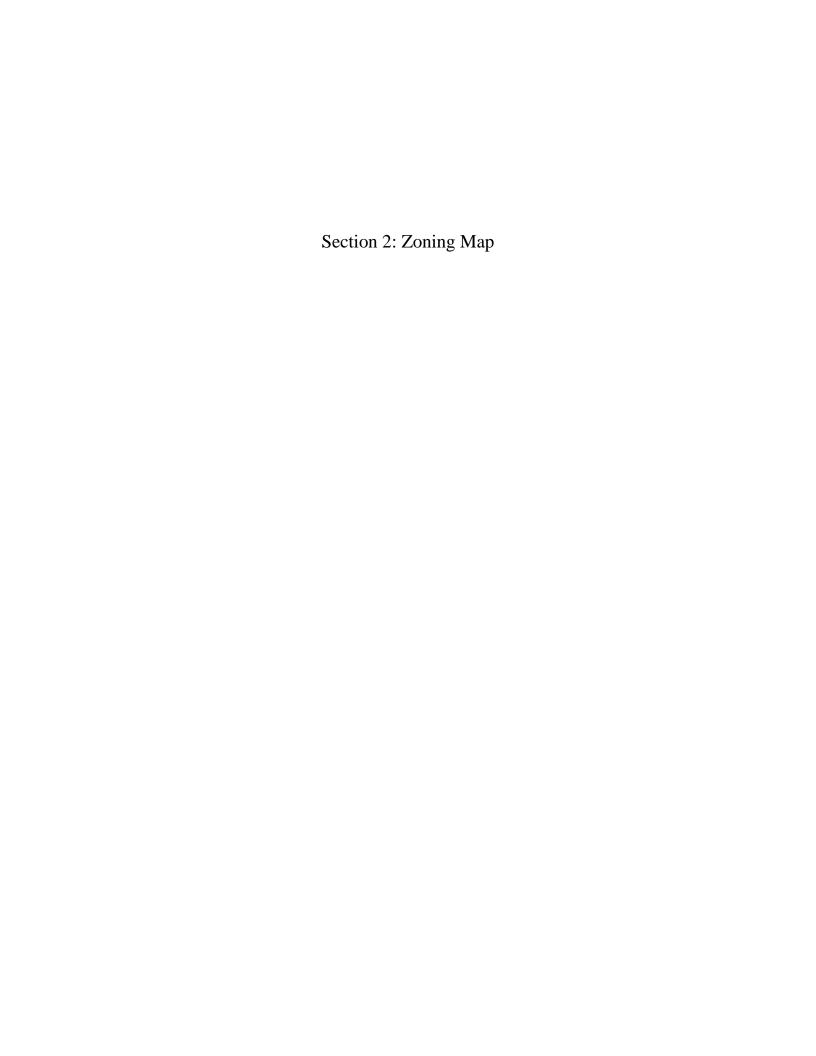
ANGOLA SITE - LOCATION MAP

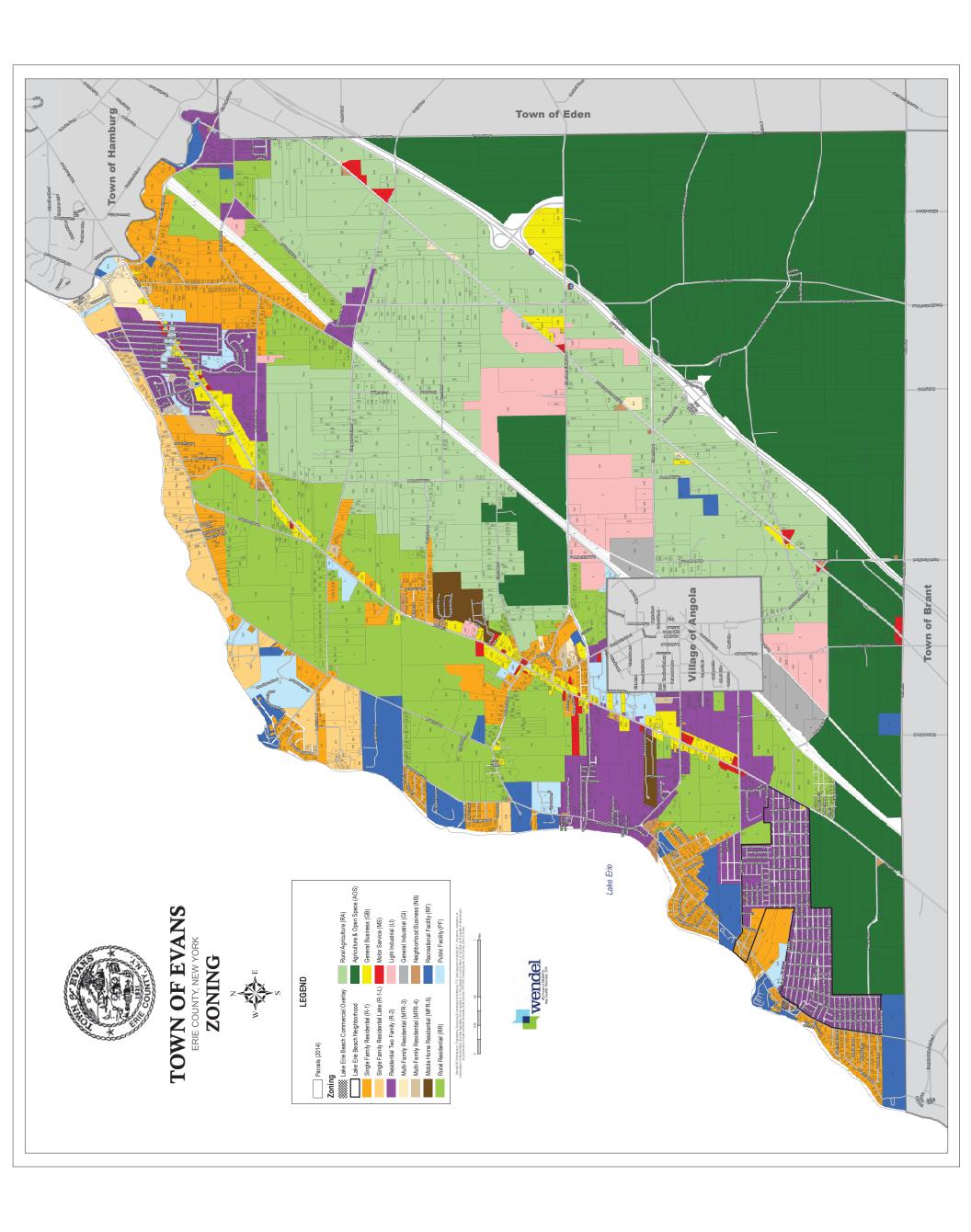
Angola Airways

ERIE COUNTY AGRIBUSINESS PARK FEASIBILITY STUDY

ERIE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING





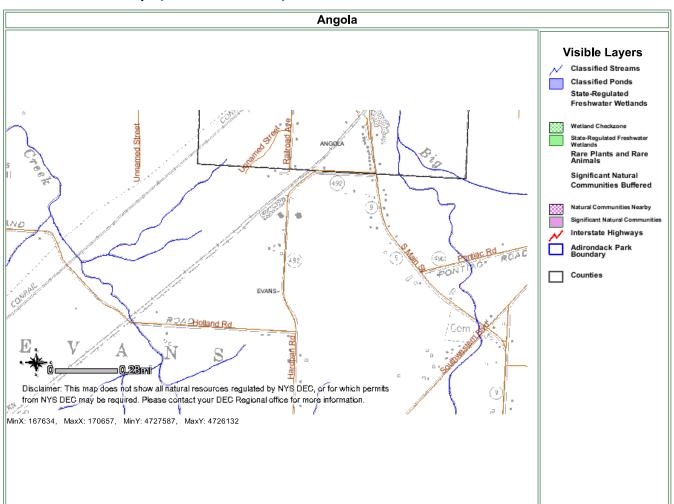


Section 3: Environmental Review Maps



[print page] [close window]

Please set your printer orientation to "Landscape".

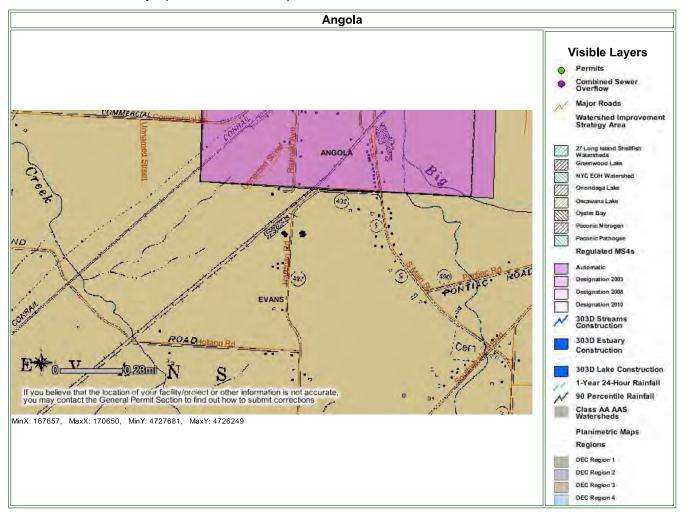


Disclaimer:This map was prepared by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation using the most current data available. It is deemed accurate but is not guaranteed. NYS DEC is not responsible for any inaccuracies in the data and does not necessarily endorse any interpretations or products derived from the data.

3/18/2016 Map Output

[print page] [close window]

Please set your printer orientation to "Landscape".





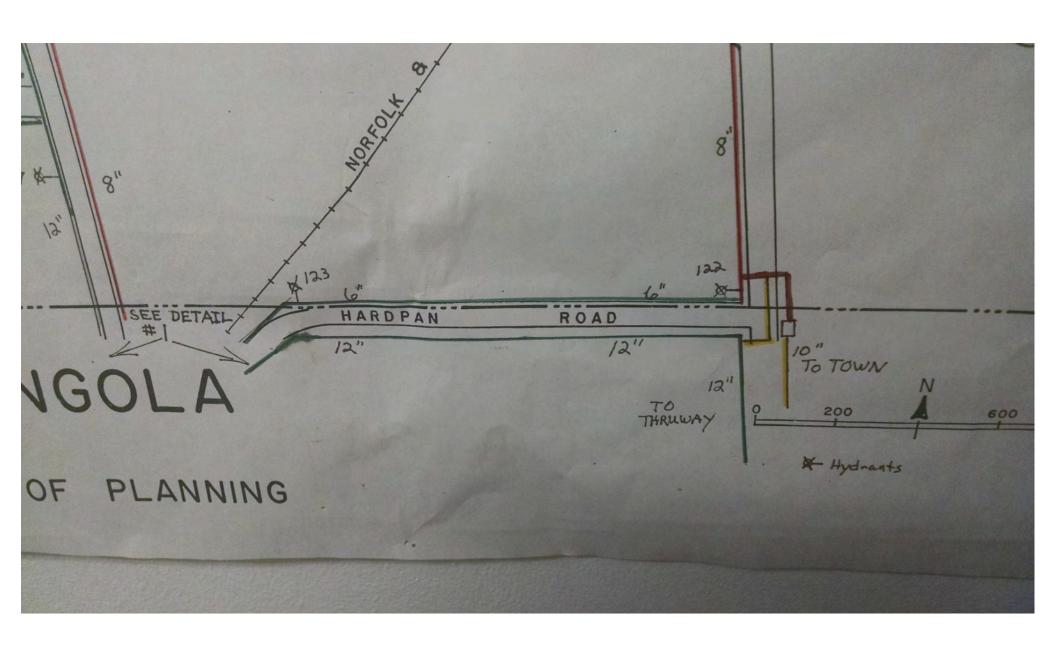
HOME SUBMIT SEARCH COMMUNICATE

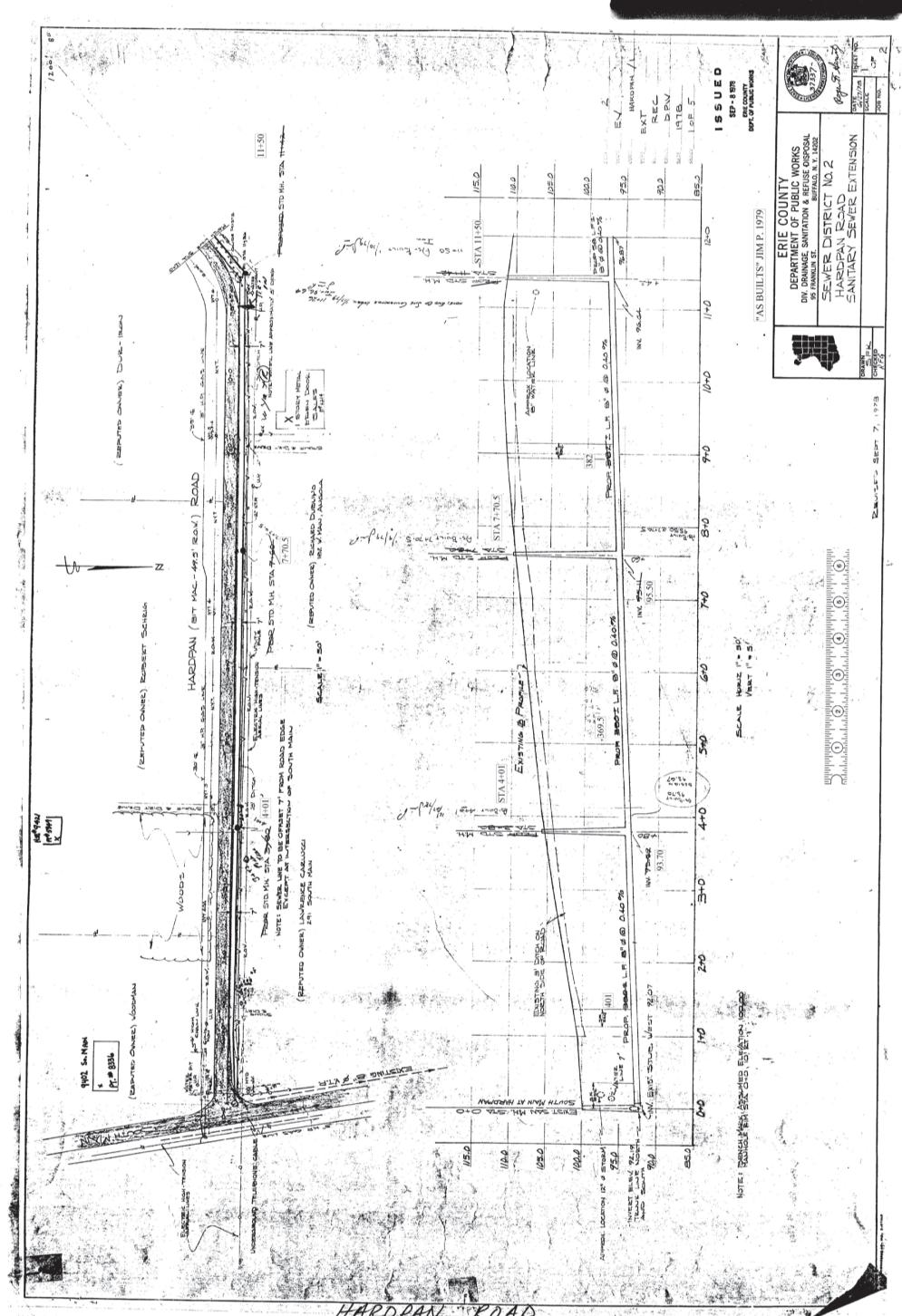


https://cris.parks.ny.gov/

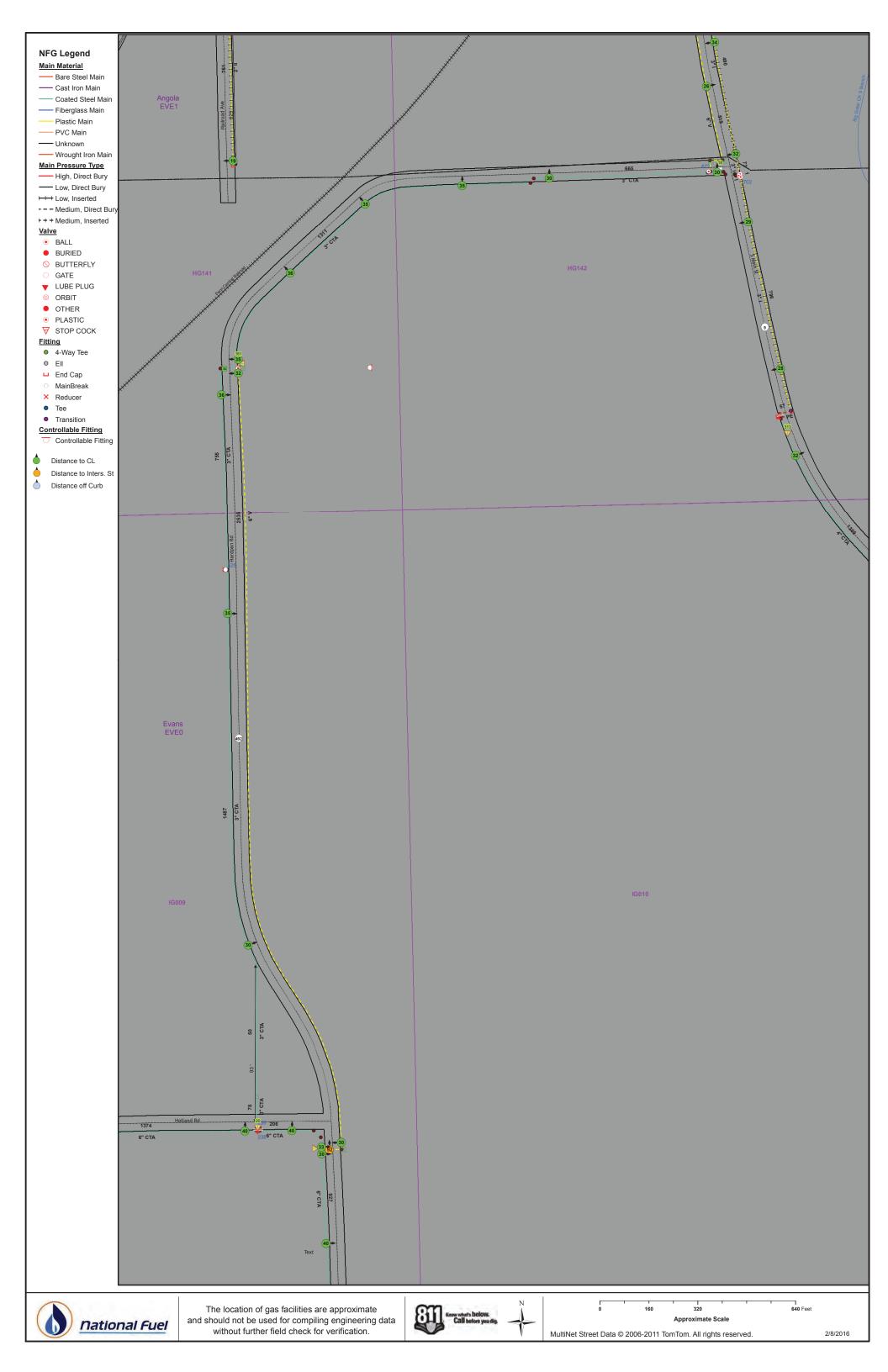


Section 4: Utility Record Mapping

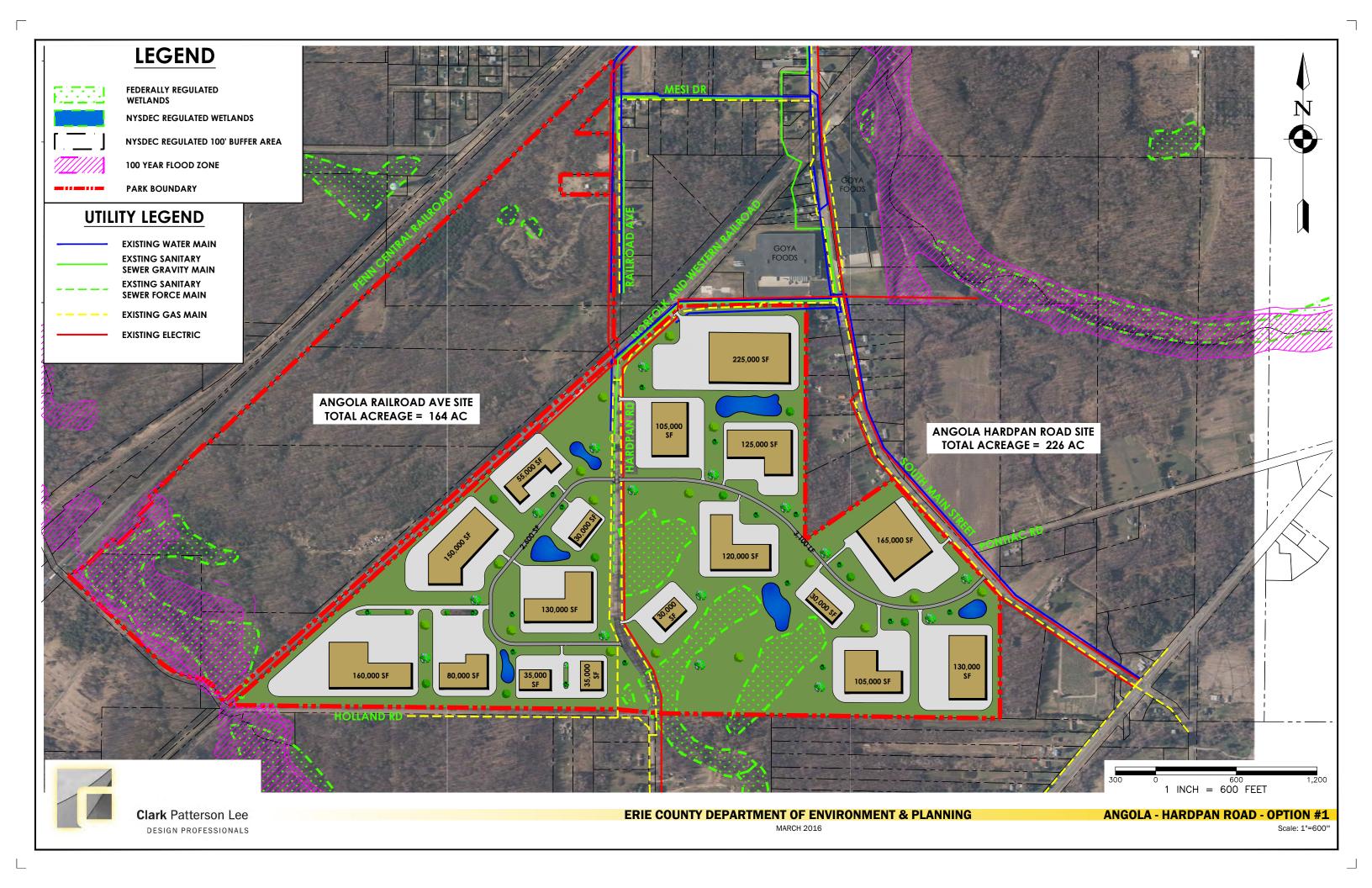


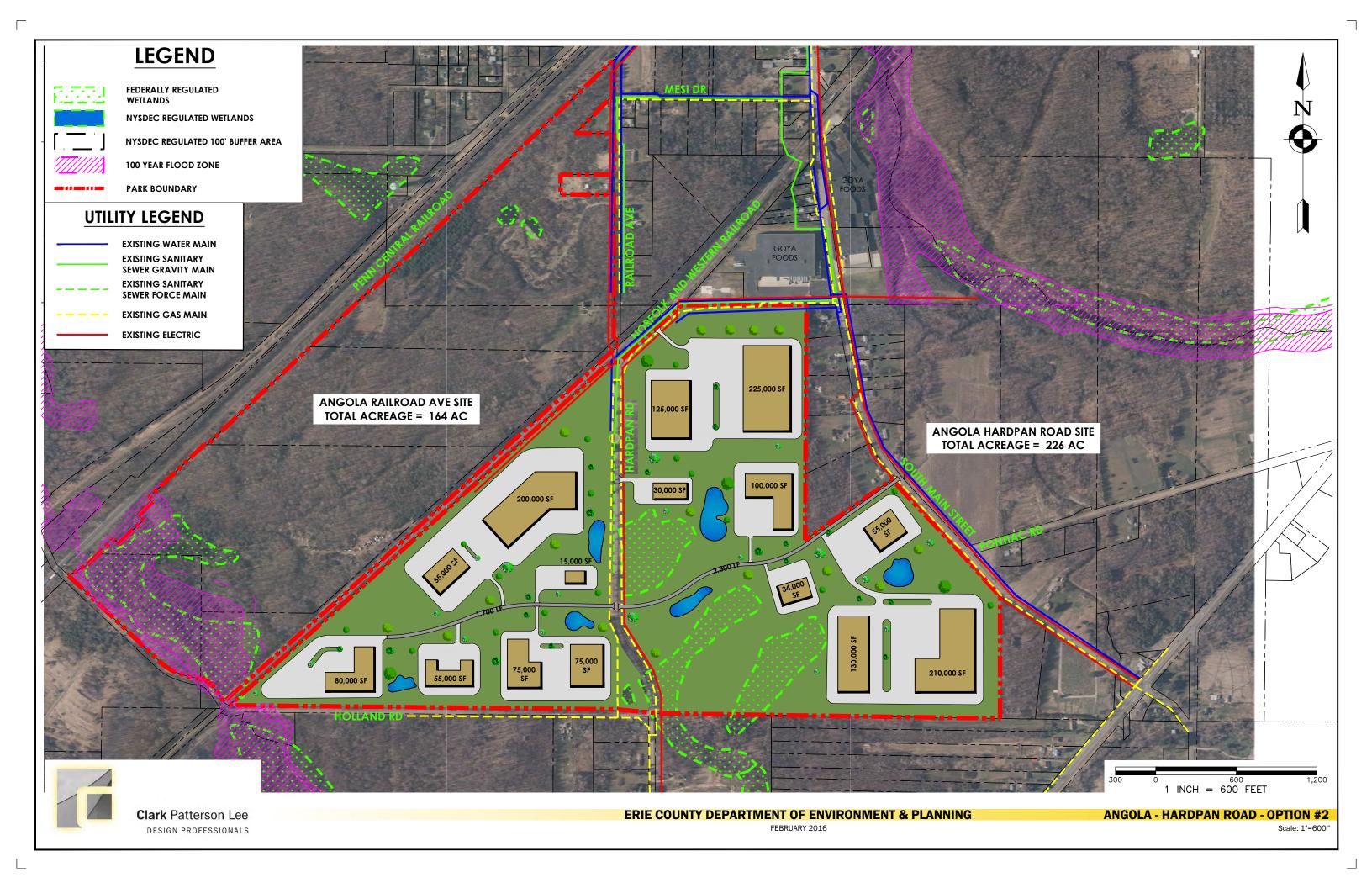


ーマ・420



Section 5: Conceptual Site Plans







ERIE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING AGRIBUSINESS FEASIBILITY ANGOLA - HARDPAN ROAD MARCH 2016

Concept Option #1

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED QUANTITY	UNIT	EST	IMATED UNIT COST	тот	AL ESTIMATED COST
On-Site Infrastructure Improvements							
1	General Site Grading	1	LS	\$	150,000.00	\$	150,000
2	Roadway Improvements ¹	4,500	LF	\$	150.00	\$	675,000
3	Roadway Construction ²	5,700	LF	\$	275.00	\$	1,567,500
4	Furnish and Install New 12" PVC Water Main	5,700	LF	\$	70.00	\$	399,000
5	Furnish and Install New 12"SDR-21 PVC Gravity Sanitary Sewer Main	5,700	LF	\$	125.00	\$	712,500
6	Electric + Transmission line planning/engineering, right of way/easement acquisition (By Utility)	5,700	LF	\$	50.00	\$	285,000
7	Natural Gas Main planning/engineering, right of way/easement acquisition (by Utility)	5,700	LF	\$	50.00	\$	285,000
8	Telephone and Communications (By Utility)	5,700	LF	\$	30.00	\$	171,000
On-Site Infrastructure Subtotal =					\$	4,245,000	
ESTIMATED SUBTOTAL =						\$	4,245,000
CONTINGENCY (10%) =						\$	424,500
LEGAL, ENGINEERING & ADMINISTRATION (25%) =					\$	1,061,250	
ESTIMATED TOTAL CAPITAL COST =					\$	5,731,000	

Notes:

- 1. Hardpan Road is assumed to be in adequate condition to accept truck traffic. Roadway Improvements consist of storm, striping, new top course asphalt, etc.
- 2. Roadway Construction includes construction of new roadways through the site.

ERIE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING AGRIBUSINESS FEASIBILITY ANGOLA - HARDPAN ROAD MARCH 2016

Concept Option #2

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED QUANTITY	UNIT	EST	IMATED UNIT	тот	AL ESTIMATED COST
	On-Site Infrastructure Improven	nents					
1	General Site Grading	1	LS	\$	150,000.00	\$	150,000
2	Roadway Improvements ¹	4,500	LF	\$	150.00	\$	675,000
3	Roadway Construction ²	4,000	LF	\$	275.00	\$	1,100,000
4	Furnish and Install New 12" PVC Water Main	4,000	LF	\$	70.00	\$	280,000
5	Furnish and Install New 12"SDR-21 PVC Gravity Sanitary Sewer Main	4,000	LF	\$	125.00	\$	500,000
6	Electric + Transmission line planning/engineering, right of way/easement acquisition (By Utility)	4,000	LF	\$	50.00	\$	200,000
7	Natural Gas Main planning/engineering, right of way/easement acquisition (by Utility)	4,000	LF	\$	50.00	\$	200,000
8	Telephone and Communications (By Utility)	4,000	LF	\$	30.00	\$	120,000
On-Site Infrastructure Subtotal =					\$	3,225,000	
ESTIMATED SUBTOTAL =						\$	3,225,000
CONTINGENCY (10%) =						\$	322,500
LEGAL, ENGINEERING & ADMINISTRATION (25%) =					\$	806,250	
ESTIMATED TOTAL CAPITAL COST =					\$	4,354,000	

Notes:

- 1. Hardpan Road is assumed to be in adequate condition to accept truck traffic. Roadway Improvements consist of storm, striping, new top course asphalt, etc.
- 2. Roadway Construction includes construction of new roadways through the site.

Section 7: Per Acre Cost Analysis

ANGOLA - HARDPAN ROAD - COST PER ACRE ANALYSIS MARCH 2016

Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS)

ITEM	ITEM DESCRIPTION ESTIMATED QUANTITY	UNIT	EST	MATED UNIT	ESTIMATED TOTAL		
IILIVI		ONII	COST		COST		
1	GEIS	1	EA	\$	300,000.00	\$	300,000
				To	tal GEIS Cost:	\$	300,000

Infrastructure Construction and Land Acquisition

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED	UNIT	ESTIMATED UNIT		ESTIMATED TOTAL	
ITEIVI		QUANTITY	UNII	COST		COST	
2	Roadway and Utilities	1	EA	\$	4,245,000	\$	4,245,000
	Infrastructure Construction Subtotal					\$	4,245,000
3	Construction Contingency	10	%	\$	-	\$	424,500
4	Legal, Administration, Engineering	25	%	\$	-	\$	1,061,250
	Infrastructure Construction Total					\$	5,731,000
5	Land Acquisition (County Purchase)	226.00	acres	\$	7,500.00	\$	1,695,000
	Total Infrastructure Cost:					\$	7,426,000

Total Estimated Project Cost:	Ş	7,726,000
Total Acreage:		226.00
Price Per Acre (County cost):	\$	35,000

Less Anticipated Grants:

Potential Grant (TBD - example only) \$

\$ (2,000,000) 226.00 Net reduction per acre: \$ (8,850)

(2,000,000)

Note: Gas and electric costs have been included in the total cost per acre for simplicity. Cost sharing options may be available depending on the utility and businesses within the Park.